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GERMANS LANDING PLANES AT THREE SYRIAN AERODROMES

Two Axis Missions Reported In Baghdad



Strategic railways connecting Syria with Turkey.

ENEMY CONVOY SET ABLAZE

British Bombing Attack

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—British bombers this afternoon attacked an escorted convoy off the Frisian Islands, bombing three supply ships of 2,000, 4,000 and 5,000 tons respectively. These were left burning.

Diplomatic Pressure On Turkey

Von Papen's Mission

ANKARA, May 15 (Reuter).—It is generally believed that Herr von Papen, the German envoy, in addition to delivering Hitler's "friendly message" when he saw the President, particularly stressed German friendliness towards Turkey—the line which it is understood he took at the Foreign Office the previous day.

It is stated that Papen placed no demands and asked nothing of Turkey but stressed the friendly relations between the two countries since they were allies in the last war, and he undoubtedly told the Turks that Germany was willing to trade on a larger scale.

False Security
In accordance with normal diplomatic procedure it is expected that the Turkish President will instruct the Turkish Ambassador to thank Hitler for his message but even Papen must realise that the Turks cannot be lulled into a sense of false security with honeyed words and that they are continuing to take all necessary measures to safeguard their independence including the wedding out of any likely fifth columnists.

Neumu's Conversations
LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—The Turkish President, General Neumu, gave an interview to the Iraqi Minister of War and the Iraqi Minister at Ankara on Thursday, states the Ankara radio.

In the afternoon the President had received the German Minister and the Greek Ambassador at the Presidential palace.

MALTA RAID DAMAGE

MALTA, May 15 (Reuter).—Considerable damage to civilian property was caused and some people were killed in Wednesday night's raid which was carried out by a strike of enemy planes.

Bombs were dropped. No fatal or R.A.F. property was damaged and there were no service casualties, states an official communique.

CAIRO, May 15 (Reuter).—A number of German planes with disguised markings have landed at three Syrian aerodromes, apparently en route to Iraq, it is reliably learned here.

The presence at Beirut of a high German personage, who is engaged in conversations with the Italian Armistice Commission and the French authorities, is reported by a traveller who has arrived here from Syria.

TWO AXIS MISSIONS

CAIRO, May 15 (Reuter).—It is reported here from private sources that a certain number of German aircraft were recently landed at Rajak airbase in Syria.

Other information received here is that two Axis military missions are now in Baghdad, where they arrived a few days ago in planes which flew over Syrian territory.

The Italian mission consists of two Italian air generals and their staff.

The German mission numbers 15. They arrived in two aeroplanes.

Appeal From Iraq

CAIRO, May 15 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that following an urgent appeal by Raschid Ali, a certain number of German aircraft have arrived at Iraq, bringing propagandists, agitators and other similar Axis specialists.

Assurance To Turkey

ANKARA, May 15 (UP).—According to a communique issued to-day, the Nazi Ambassador, Herr von Papen presented President Inonu with a personal letter from Hitler in the presence of Foreign Minister Sarajoglu. It is authoritatively stated that the letter assured the President of the friendly German intentions at length.

Dromes Taken Over

CAIRO, May 15 (UP).—It is unofficially but reliably reported that the aerodromes at Raik and Aleppo TURN to Back Page, Column 3

SECRET SUPPLIES SESSION

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—The House of Commons will shortly hold a secret session to discuss the Ministry of Supply.

The Back Bench Labour member, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, in the House this afternoon asserted that there was much public anxiety on the matter of supply and asked whether this would be allayed by a private session.

Mr. Churchill declared that the Government would have welcomed a public session. He did not agree that there was so much anxiety and he hoped to show that great progress was being made, but anything more foolish than to give facts and figures in detail in public, which would go to Lisbon and then to Germany, he could not imagine.

"We really must leave some work for the German intelligence," he added amid laughter.

Iraq Situation Rapidly Coming Under Control

("Reuter's" Special Correspondent)

CAIRO, May 15.—"The situation in Iraq is rapidly being got under control," stated a British officer who has just flown back from Habbaniyah, and who was interviewed by "Reuter" exclusively this morning.

He continued: "The R.A.F., co-operating with the British Imperial forces, have now put out of action the Iraqi air force without having to use very devastating methods."

"The Iraqi army in isolated sections showed a spirited offensive, but in the main was unopposed, and the British and Indian forces are now in a position to mop up the remaining elements."

Britain To Raid Nazi Air Bases In Syria

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—An announcement that Britain will take action against German aircraft in Syria was made by Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, at question time in the House of Commons to-day.

The Foreign Secretary declared that detailed information at the Government's disposal showed that the French authorities in Syria are allowing German aircraft to use Syrian aerodromes as stage posts for the flight to Iraq. The British Government consequently had given full authority for action to be taken against these German aircraft on Syrian aerodromes. (Loud cheers.)

French Responsibility

Mr. Eden continued: "The French Government cannot escape responsibility for this situation. Their action under German orders in permitting these flights is a clear breach of the Armistice terms and is inconsistent with the undertakings given by the French Government."

In reply to the Labour member, Mr. Emmanuel Shinwell, who asked whether we could no longer place TURN to Back Page, Column 5

Rescued From Desert Crash

Incident of Desert Warfare

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—Beside a wrecked plane stood a solitary figure while intensive fire from the fort of Rutbah and from an insurgent nest in the sand dunes, swept across the desert.

This was the scene that confronted a young Flying Officer who was making a lone bombing attack on the desert fort held for days by Iraqi rebels, says a report from R.A.F. headquarters in the Middle East to the Air Ministry.

The Flying Officer at once landed his plane as close to the wreck as possible. Then he recognised the figure standing near it as his Commanding Officer.

Effective Cross-Fire

The cross-fire from the rebels was intensive and the rescue aircraft was hit several times.

An R.A.F. armoured car, commanded by another Squadron Leader, then drove up and positioned itself between the aircraft and the fort and returned the insurgents' fire. The Squadron Leader was the only survivor of the wrecked aircraft and was seriously wounded.

Beirut, Latest Nazi Objective

Beirut, which is the port and chief military base for French forces in Syria, has become a new Nazi objective in Berlin's efforts to disrupt British influence in the Near East. Current reports say that German planes are landing at three Syrian aerodromes. This picture shows the port of Beirut, while winding in the foreground is the road southeast to Damascus. Beyond the crowded pines, olives and vineyards, lies Beirut, on the Mediterranean, reckoned to be a poor port.



Mr Bevin Describes Deputy Fuehrer Hess as Murderer

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—The Minister of Labour, Mr. Ernest Bevin, speaking in London to-day, said: "From my point of view, Hess is a murderer. You can understand my feelings about Hess when I tell you that he was the man who collected every index card of every Trade Union leader in Germany and social democrats, and when the time came they were either sent to concentration camps or were murdered."

Hitler's Possible Summer Programme

("Reuter's" Military Commentator)

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—The flight of Rudolf Hess to Britain is undoubtedly an event of the first importance and will have definitely favourable reactions on Britain's war effort, but whatever may be the real cause of his flight, it will have no effect on events which are immediately impending.

Hitler's plans for the coming campaign will not be altered or delayed; on the contrary, the flight of Hess is "likely to hasten their execution for Hitler may well feel the necessity of giving Germany something else to think about and to achieve a fresh triumph to hearten them."

Within a month, as I see the situation, Hitler will invade Spain, with or without France's consent, besiege Gibraltar and attempt to seize the Atlantic ports of Spain and Portugal.

There will be an attack on Turkey coupled with an attack on Crete, and probably an invasion by air into Syria. There will be a threat, with perhaps 80 Divisions which are standing ready, on Russia.

If Hitler can possibly do it his forces in Libya will be reinforced and the attack on Egypt pressed while the wars on Turkey and Syria are under way.

Focus On Vichy

It will be seen how much these plans centre round Vichy to an even greater extent than they do round Russia. This fact will force brave decisions on the British War Council and equally on General de Gaulle.

Mr. Churchill displayed some resentment in a debate recently when charges of fighting a kid-glove war were made. "Now he must give proof that Britain is not going to fight such a war."

Meanwhile, British strategy should be directed to meeting the Nazi threats, not on the Continent of Europe, as has been the case to date, where the Germans can bring in overwhelming numbers, but in Africa and in Asia, where the British Empire can redress the balance of numbers and even swing it to the Allied side.

BRITISH WAR LOSSES

—Official

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—Authentic figures of British casualties on the Western Front and in Norway were given to-day by a Government spokesman in the House of Commons.

The total troops sent to France up to June, 1940, were 487,000. Altogether 384,000 were brought away and 40,000 were left as prisoners of war.

The corresponding figures for Norway were 23,800 sent; 22,600 brought away; and 95 left as prisoners of war.

Petain Approves Principle Of Nazi-Vichy Agreement

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—Marshal Petain, in a broadcast speech, referred to Admiral Darlan's secret talk with Hitler in Germany.

He said: "I have approved the principles of this meeting" and added: "This new meeting will enable us to see clearly the road into the future and to continue the talks begun with the German Government."

"Opinion that is apprehensive because it is misinformed, no longer measures our chances and risks and judges our actions to-day."

The question for you Frenchmen now is to follow me without reservation along the path of honour and national interest.

"If we successfully complete the negotiations now in progress while maintaining the strictest discipline of our public spirit, France will overcome her defeat and will be able to maintain in the world her position as a European and colonial power."

"I do not believe that Hitler did not know that Hess was coming to England. For a good many years, I have had to deal with these totalitarian gentlemen and Communists, and I have seen this kind of stunt over and over again. I am not going to be deceived by any of them. Hess is not a man I would ever negotiate with."

Duke of Hamilton

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—The Duke of Hamilton saw Rudolf Hess within 48 hours of his parachute descent in Scotland, it was revealed to-day.

The Duke was on duty at an R.A.F. aerodrome when, on official instruction, he flew to Glasgow and met Hess in the presence of representatives of both the Intelligence Service and the Foreign Office. Afterwards the Duke returned to his duties.

Hess is stated to be in an isolated room with an officer in attendance and guards nearby. His condition is said to be improving rapidly.

Plane On Show

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—Rudolf Hess' plane is to be on show in Trafalgar Square as part of London's "War Weapons Week," during which it is hoped to raise at least half of the total subscribed by all provincial towns.

To-morrow night, it will be housed in one of London's most historic buildings and on Saturday morning it will head a procession of National Savings cars and mobile cinema vans on "Constitution Hill."

Enter it will be taken to Trafalgar TURN to Back Page, Column 3

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Typhus Fever In Hongkong

Only In Mild Form

For the first time over a long period, a case of Typhus Fever has been reported in the Colony, from Shaukiwan district.

There are various forms of Typhus in different parts of the world, carried in different ways, and in Hongkong the form is mild. The disease is uncommon in the Colony, and no epidemic has ever occurred. The case reported was diagnosed on Tuesday.

In addition, nine cases of Cholera (four from Victoria, two from Kowloon and three from Shaukiwan), one case each of Chicken-pox and Small-pox, two of Diphtheria, nine of Syphilis, three each of Typhoid and Measles, and 62 of Tuberculosis, were reported during the two days ended on Wednesday. The Cholera total has reached 759 cases since the beginning of the year.

WEDDINGS

The wedding of Miss Doris Marshall and Mr. Keith Williamson Jones was solemnized at St. Andrew's Church, Tokyo, recently.

The following forthcoming weddings are announced:
Mr. Sydney Croft, Royal Marine, and Miss Leo Fung-chun, of No. 130 Gloucester Road;
Gunner Frederick John Spiller, R.A., and Miss Choi 'Kini-ching, of No. 140 Jaffe Road.

The Indian Company, Hongkong Police Reserve, will hold a tea party at the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel on Tuesday, at 5.15 p.m., to welcome the new Commissioner of Police, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Pennefather-Evans.

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Programme

- 3.00—JUMPING COMPETITION
(a) China Ponies.
(b) Australian Ponies.
- 4.00—ALARM RACE.
- 4.30—MUSICAL CHAIRS
- 5.00—V. C. RACE ON MULES
(for all ranks).
- 5.30—POLO MATCH
(The "Dishard" Trophy).
- 6.30—COCKTAIL CABARET.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders

The Seventy-second Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 21st May, 1941, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 7th May to the 21st May, 1941, both days inclusive.

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25 cents Saturdays.



COLOUR—Native straw and a brilliantly coloured sash from Mexico added to the colourful beach costume worn by this model in Miami, Fla. It was designed for appropriateness on Pan-American Day, observed throughout the Americas on April 14, to further good will.

H. K. Officials Back

Mr. M. J. Abbott, Assistant Crown Solicitor who has been home on leave is back in the Colony. Other Government officials who have returned are Dr. J. A. R. Selby, of the Medical Department, and Mr. L. Starbuck, of the Royal Observatory.

Mr. George T. Rowe and Mr. Geoffrey C. Hamilton, members of the Government Administrative Service, have also arrived here.

SHANGHAI DIVORCE

A decree nisi was granted to Mrs. Grace Catherine MacKeller, petitioner, against Mr. Patrick John MacKeller, by Judge P. Grant-Jones in H.M. Supreme Court at Shanghai. The respondent is undergoing a five-year sentence at the Ward Road gaol having been found guilty of misappropriating funds from the American Express Co., where he was in charge of the travel department.

REMARKABLE ESCAPE

Mr. Herman Laiger, American, had a remarkable escape from death last night when he fell 35-feet to Kowloon wharf from the President Tyler. Mr. Laiger struck his head on the railway line but was still conscious when admitted to Kowloon Hospital shortly after midnight with head injuries.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 19th day of May, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at North Point, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rental	Upset Price
1	1015	North Point.	as per sale plan.	about 6,000	\$110	\$2,000

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$900.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 19th day of May, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Repulse Bay Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rental	Upset Price
2	1016	Repulse Bay Road.	as per sale plan.	about 20,000	\$230	\$4,000

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$400.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

Government House

His Excellency Decides To
Remain In Residence

It was learned from the Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, yesterday, that His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, has decided to remain in Government House and has no plans in mind for moving his residence elsewhere.

It is understood that this decision was made because no further cracks in the structure have been noticed and the movement has practically ceased.

It will be remembered that at one time His Excellency suggested moving to Admiralty House owing to the serious damage sustained by Government House on account of tunnelling operations.

Miss Monique Thiebaut, daughter of Colonel Paul Thiebaut, Military Attache at the French Embassy in Tokyo, and Mrs. Thiebaut, was married to Mr. Louis Vignes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vignes, of Paris, on April 25, at the Sacred Heart Church in Tokyo.

Hongkong's Gift To Surrey

A Mobile Canteen subscribed for by Hongkong residents has already been in use in England and has done good service. A letter of appreciation was recently sent to the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies by the Mayor of New Malden (Borough of Malden and Coombe) in Surrey, referring to this gift, and the Colonial Office replied stating that they would send a copy of the letter to the Governor of Hongkong. This copy has been received in the Colony, and has been forwarded for publication by the Colonial Secretariat.

Writing on March 13 last, the Mayor, Mr. F. S. Wagner, stated: "Our Fire Brigade has recently been the fortunate recipient of a Mobile Canteen which I am informed is the gift of the people of Hongkong."

"Although we received delivery from Regional Fire Headquarters, I have been at a loss to find out to whom exactly the grateful thanks of this Borough should be forwarded for transmission to the generous donors of Hongkong."

"From enquiries instituted, I now have a communication from the London Civil Defence Region in which they advise that you be asked to carry our appreciation to our well-wishers in the Far East."

"Will you, therefore, be good enough to exercise your good offices on our behalf, and inform those concerned that their gift came at a most opportune time, when the fire protection of the London Civil Defence Region is of paramount importance, and that the refreshment of the men during their arduous duties is a vital factor in thwarting the aims of the enemy."

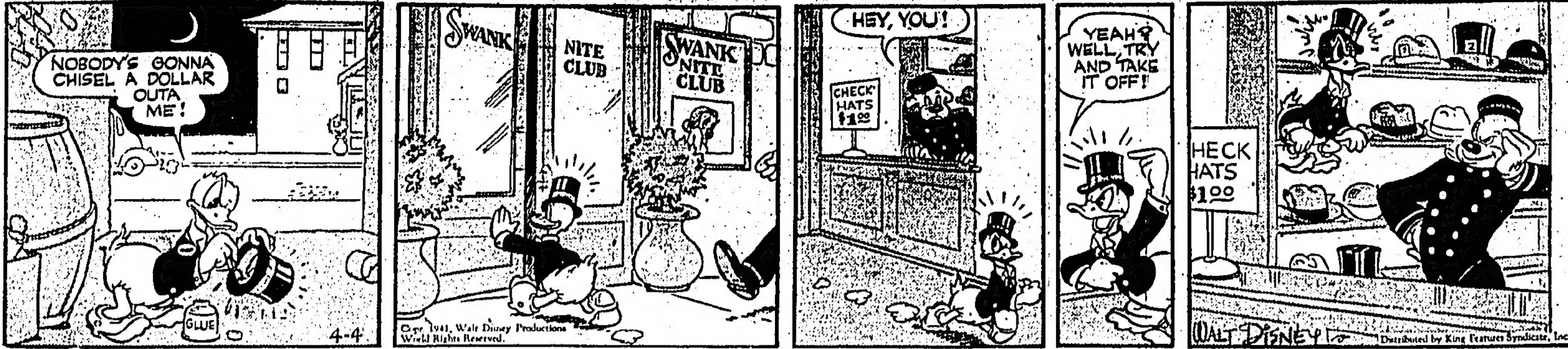
STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official
Summary issued yesterday is:

Buyers	Sellers
H.K. Banks \$1,305	Providents \$5
Bank of East Asia \$70	Land \$31.10
H.K. Fire Ins. X.D. \$170	Realities \$2.70
Indo-China (Pref) \$80	Electricity Rts \$11.25
Providents \$5	Macao Electric \$19.15
Hotels \$2.85	Ropes \$0.40
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ACROSS

- 1—He sparring
- 2—Chilly
- 3—Sheet of lava
- 4—Less rich
- 5—Bow again
- 6—Half-breasted
- 7—Hills, vetch
- 8—Bird's claw
- 9—Beverage
- 10—Expert aviators
- 11—Lies
- 12—Breath
- 13—Kind of element
- 14—Quarrel
- 15—Rocky pinnacle
- 16—To oneself (Latin)
- 17—Properties
- 18—Play
- 19—Greek letter
- 20—Error slowly
- 21—Rumors
- 22—Toy babies
- 23—Bait
- 24—Part of insect
- 25—Abhor
- 26—Injure extensively
- 27—Poke in water
- 28—Playing marbles

DOWN

- 1—Loud shout
- 2—Force
- 3—Reddish yellow
- 4—Island (French)
- 5—Intersect
- 6—Foot lever
- 7—Appropriately
- 8—Amount lent
- 9—Accused
- 10—Eye disease
- 11—Directing device
- 12—Prepared
- 13—Soft hard
- 14—The Devil
- 15—Pier
- 16—Defective shell
- 17—Inverses in kind
- 18—Reinforced
- 19—Trap
- 20—Salt
- 21—Nash's landing-place
- 22—Optical illusion
- 23—Topmost points
- 24—Extreme
- 25—Waiting table
- 26—Hairy growth
- 27—Body of water
- 28—Eggs

IN THE CENTRE OF VICHY IS A PLEASANT PARK, and sometimes in the early afternoon the old Marshal walks there, following a great circle from his hotel through the archway of chestnut trees past children romping beside the broad pathway and back again to his hotel doorway where helmeted soldiers stand rigidly at attention beneath the tricolour of France.

It is like a 20-minute tour of unoccupied France—this walk that Petain takes on a sunny day. His step is steady and sedate; his bearing dignified and reassuring, with more than a touch of the old soldier despite his sober black topcoat and black hat.

He goes past the shop windows, where stocks are dwindling or blinds are drawn because there is no more to sell. He goes past handsome resort hotels, requisitioned by the government and turned into crowded offices, where soldiers with fixed bayonets guard the door. He goes past a line of men and women who stand for hours to get food tickets or to buy a quarter pound of goat cheese. He goes past a wall where some passerby at night has scrawled in chalk, "Vive De Gaulle." He goes through little knots of pedestrians who bow or lift their hats.

And at last he comes back to the doorway from which he started and—watching him receive the salute of his bodyguard—you may get an idea of what is happening to France; of how this old man in a black hat has become the pivot around which a broken nation marks time in warring Europe.

FOR France—government and people—is marking time, waiting, helpless and hungry to see who will win the war. France is a land of refugees who circle from one consulate to another and then to the government offices, seeking escape from a belligerent continent. It is a land of defeated and apathetic people who must stand in line for food, for clothing, for fuel. It is a land in which national leadership shifts and circles to meet each change in the tide of a war that may bring still greater disaster. France is struggling only to survive until peace comes again.

One day in the crowded lobby of the Ambassadeurs Hotel a diplomat, whose English was faulty, referred to life in France as a "veechee circle," and it was such an apt description from any viewpoint that nobody asked him whether he meant a Vichy circle, a vicious circle or merely an unhappy pun.

You get off a crowded train from Spain after 40 hours without sleep and often without a seat, and Vichy looks like just what it once was—a quiet, sleepy watering place of 60,000 persons spread out in a valley in the mountains of middle France. But you quickly discover your mistake. The population is increased one-third, even after some 10,000 new arrivals were ordered to leave the temporary capital this winter because they had no satisfactory excuse for living there.

There are no taxicabs, and almost no automobiles except a few officials' cars, because of

FRANCE, Helpless and Hungry

Here is the first of two dispatches by the Foreign News Editor of the United Press on conditions in Unoccupied France, which he visited en route back to the United States after a stay in England. It presents a close-up of Vichy, the temporary capital, and discloses that France is waiting to see who wins the war. The second article will appear next Tuesday.

By **JOE ALEX MORRIS**

luck of gasoline; so you walk half a mile to your hotel.

"YOU were lucky to get a hotel room," friends tell you. "The government has taken over most of them."

Your hotel is a rambling resort place with paper-thin walls and big lounges filled with tea and bridge tables. Well-dressed, smart-looking men and women—the men are in a vast majority—crowd the lobbies at almost any hour of the afternoon or evening, repeating the latest gossip or relaying bits of news that never get into the closely-controlled newspapers. Between rumours they inspect every one, important and unimportant, who comes or goes.

A pot-bellied stove stands in the middle of the lobby, its smoke pipe cutting a black path across the luxurious decorations. Suddenly you realize that there is a coal shortage and that there won't be any heat in your room. Even the lobby is chilly, and woman at tea keep fur coats around their shoulders. Electric heaters are priceless treasures in Vichy.

In your room you find a sign on the bathroom door saying that there will be hot water on Tuesdays and Saturdays. On other days you may be able to persuade the chambermaid to bring a pitcher of lukewarm water for shaving. There is no soap, unless you brought your own, and even after you stand in line for soap tickets you get only a handful of brownish substance as a month's ration. If you want a suit cleaned you must wait 10 days, and if you want socks darned you must furnish your own needle and yarn.

YOU leave the hotel to meet your friends for dinner and are lost in a 90 percent black-out, which is partly precaution against air raids but is also due to the fuel shortage. You stumble down the middle of the street to another of the many resort hotels in the centre of Vichy. There was once a smart bar off the lobby, but now it is closed because the hotel has become the centre of the government. The old Marshal lives there and he ordered the bar closed.

There is a bar in the adjoining hotel—a 25-foot-square room partitioned off with beaverboard walls in one corner of the huge ballroom and lounge. There are scores of persons in the lounge but there is no music, because France is in mourning. Nor is there dancing anywhere in unoccupied France. You push close enough to the bar to order a Martini and discover that it is forbidden to serve cocktails or any mixture of liquors in France. You switch to Scotch and soda, and get only a wry smile from the bartender. The Scotch ran out long ago. "Anyway," he adds, "this is a non-alcoholic day."

You finally settle for a dry wine, and your friends arrive in good humour because, after inspecting the menus outside half a dozen restaurants, they have found a place where you can get an omelette. Omelette? You ask. How about a steak? It turns out that this is a meatless day. Your's lucky to get an omelette.

There is vegetable soup for dinner, an omelette, turnips, spinach and topinambour, which is like a Jerusalem artichoke. There are no potatoes this week, but for the first time in a month there is cheese. Fruit is plentiful, but the coffee is a mixture of grain and 30 percent coffee bean. The bread—normal ration is two inch-thick slices a day—is brown but good. Wine is mostly a local product and getting scarce. There is no butter or sugar.

You are still hungry when dinner is finished, and you can appreciate the irony of a wall sign that quotes a decree published in the official journal: "People of France! You must conserve. It is forbidden to abandon a piece of bread after having rendered it unfit for consumption by the mouth."—Copyright 1941 by United Press.

PACIFIC RAIDERS ROUTED

"All German raiders in the South Seas have been sunk or chased into hiding, according to reliable reports."

The Canadian Trade Commissioner in Australia, Col. L. Moore Cosgrove, said this when he arrived in Los Angeles from Australia.

"The naval authorities have not released any definite information about this," he said.

"But it is commonly known that bombers have been flying farther and farther on scouting flights to seek German ships."

The Australian Navy Minister, Mr. W. M. Hughes, would neither confirm nor deny Mr. Cosgrove's statement.

His only comment was that one judged the efficiency of a police force by the absence of crime, and the Navy said Air Force should similarly be judged by the fact that there had been a notable absence of sinkings and attacks by raiders on Pacific shipping in recent months.

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1.15 "Militia"; Symphony in G Major, "Militia"; 1st Mov. Adagio-Allegro; 2nd Mov. Allegretto; 3rd Mov. Menuetto (Moderato); 4th Mov. Finale (Presto)....Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Bruno Walter.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Dance Music.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 The New Light Symphony Orchestra with Raymond Newell (Baritone).

Parade of the Tin Soldiers (Jessel); Policeman's Holiday (Ewing)....

New Light Symphony Orchestra; Life's Great Sunset (Emmett Adams); For England (Brandon and Murray)....Raymond Newell (Baritone) with instrumental accomp.

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Dubarry"—Selection...New Light Symphony Orchestra.
 7.00 London Relay—The News.
 7.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

7.30 Tchaikovsky—"Casse Noisette" Suite, Op. 71A.

Miniature Overture—March—Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy; Russian Dance—Arab Dance—Chinese Dance—Dance of the Flutes. Waltz of the Flowers....Philadelphia Orchestra cond. by Leopold Stokowski.

7.53 Two Short Piano Pieces played by Walter Gieseking.

Serenade, Op. 17, No. 2 (R. Strauss); Reverie (Debussy).

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 Verdi's "La Traviata" Act II. With Lionello Cecc, Mercedes Caspi, Ida Conti, Carlo Galletti, Baccanelli, Villa, Nesi, Baracchi and Full Chorus of La Scala, Milan, with Orchestra.

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.15 Studio—"Why not 'Middle-Brow'?"

Talk by Dr William Lovelock of the Trinity College of Music, illustrated by Gramophone records.

9.45-10.00 News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 Songs by Josephine Baker and Frank Crumit.

Antonio Pasquale Ramon (Crumit); Wrap me up in my tarpaulin jacket (Whyte and others)....

Frank Crumit (Tenor) with Guitar; La Petite Tonkinoise (Christine and others)....Josephine Baker; J'ai Deux Amours (Koger and others)....

Josephine Baker and Adrien Lamy with Melodie Jazz du Casino de Paris; No News....Frank Crumit.

10.00 London Relay—O. M. Green's Newsletter.

10.15 Dance Music.

11.00 Close Down.

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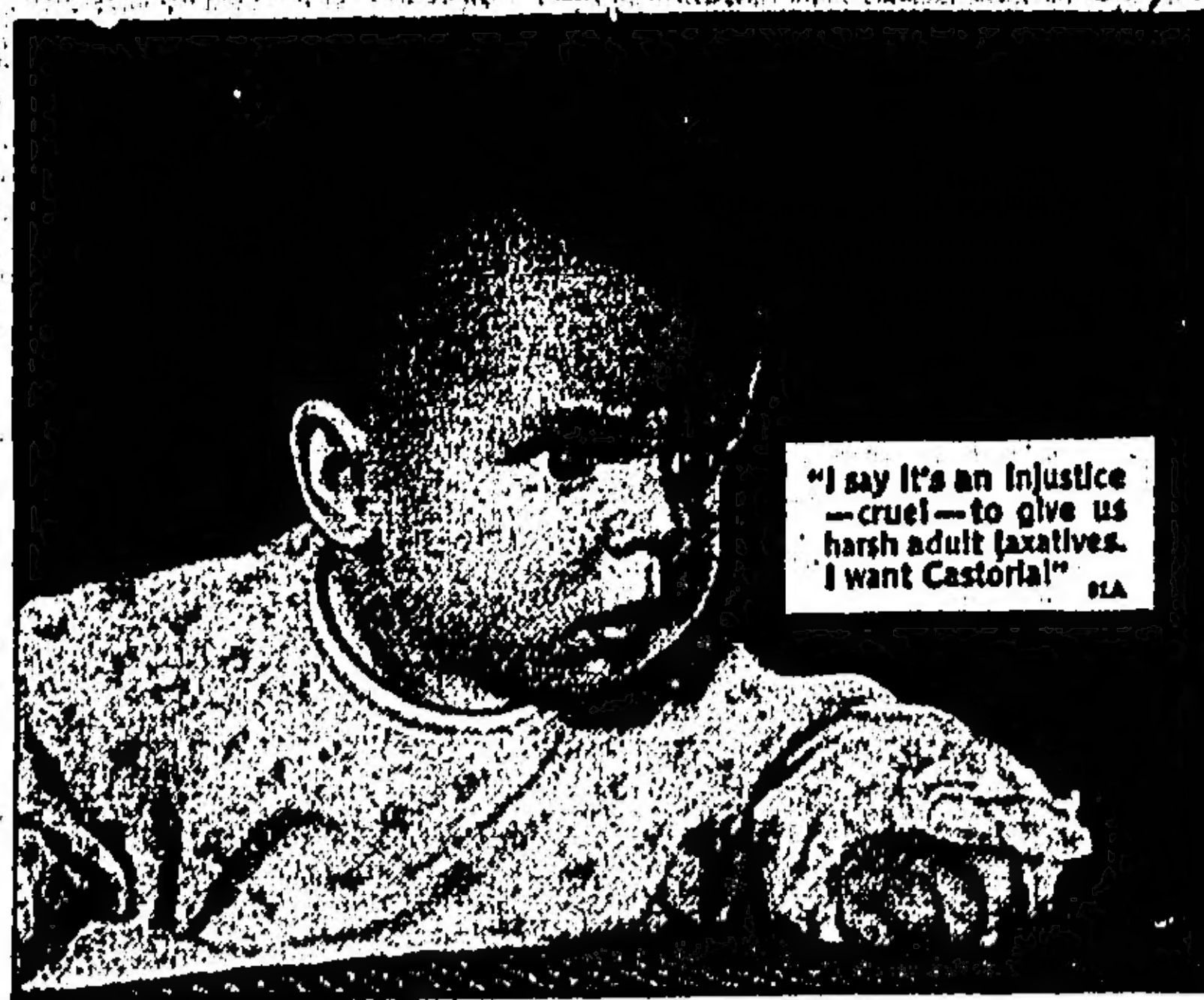
Negro Bar Holds Up China Aid Concert

The organization called the Daughters of the American Revolution, sticking by its boycott of Negro entertainers, which resulted in Mrs Franklin D. Roosevelt's resignation, has refused to let its hall in Washington for a benefit performance by Paul Robeson, noted Negro concert singer, reports "P.M."

The Washington Committee. When they recalled that a Negro for Aid to China tried to lease a hall known as the Golden Gate the DAR's Constitutional Hall—had performed at the hall a few months ago, the management for a benefit performance by said that had been a mistake.

Robeson under the sponsorship of Mrs Roosevelt and Chinese Ambassador Hu Shih, but was turned down.

Spokesman for the Aid-to-China Negro singer, appear there. The committee said that the DAR, fused, coupled with Mrs Roosevelt's hall was available for the date, resulted in an unprecedented they wanted it, but they were told turnover of 75,000 people to hear that the policy of barring the hall to Mrs Anderson's from the steps Negro artists had not been changed of Lincoln.



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AIR STRENGTH

A feeling is growing amongst Britons and their allies that in the not very distant future Britain will virtually hold command of the skies in Europe. There are reasons for this conviction. In the first place our fighter pilots months ago swept the Luftwaffe out of the air during the daytime, more recently the same men have dealt crippling blows to the German night raiders; and simultaneously British day and night bombers have wrought increasing destruction to vital Nazi centres both within the Reich and in occupied territories at comparatively small cost. These factors add up to one conclusion; that German air might, terrifying two years ago is being conquered.

There is another consideration of profound importance. Through her own factories, and with the assistance of the United States, Britain is now amassing an air fleet which, in six months from now, should at least be on quantitative parity with Germany, and in quality, far ahead of Goering's air armada. Even as long ago as March, one London paper was authoritatively reporting that Britain was now turning out 3,500 planes a month and that she boasts aerial reserves so substantial that she could afford to engage the full might of the Luftwaffe day after day for weeks without breaking down. This statement may not give a strictly true picture of the position, inasmuch as those tremendous reserves must include planes which at this moment are regarded as out-moded. But the same argument holds good for the much vaunted might of the German air force. Indeed there has been a lot of nonsense written and spoken about the quantitative strength of the Nazi air force. As the aeronautical correspondent of the "Times" pointed out recently: The surest guide to the number of aircraft quartered within striking distance of Britain is the scale of attack which the enemy has maintained against it. It is doubtful whether more than 500 machines have been employed even in the heaviest night raids, while usually the total has been considerably lower. After making all due allowances for any limitations which the weather may have imposed, that number suggests that the total German air strength in Northern France and the Low Countries is not much, if anything, more than 4,000. A fair estimate of the total of fighters and bombers would be somewhere about 8,000.

With the U.S. and British productive capacity approaching peak point, there is every expectation that within a few

CLEARING UP IN LONDON



Soldiers are helping Pioneer Corps men in the great clean-up of bomb debris in London's devastated streets. Work is progressing satisfactorily. Picture shows a typical scene.

If Japan Moves In the Pacific...

A WORLD-WIDE empire such as the British Commonwealth of Nations, a great continental nation such as the United States, with maritime frontiers on the two chief oceans of the world, must each keep a watchful eye on the affairs of the Orient as well as those of the Occident.

When the so-called Tripartite Agreement between Germany, Italy, and Japan was announced it was plain that in the sphere of world strategy its value, either to the two European partners or for Japan, lay largely in its future possibilities rather than in any chance immediate and fruitful military or naval co-operation.

THE position of Japan as regards her two allies was entirely isolated so long as Britain held fast the gateways of the Eastern Mediterranean at Suez and Aden and the gateway between the Indian Ocean and the South China sea at Singapore. Japan could not hope, in any Far Eastern enterprise of her own, to receive any direct help from Germany or Italy, but only such indirect help as might accrue from the British or other forces which might otherwise be employed to check Japanese aggression; or, as has happened, political pressure on France to facilitate Japan's advance in French Indo-China.

Since that time, from the Japanese point of view, the situation has become less favourable. The Italian threat to the Suez-Aden gateways has vanished under the impact of the British offensive. The garrison of Singapore has been reinforced.

The Japanese objective is necessarily the great fortress and naval base at Singapore. If Japan could gain this position she could dominate the Dutch East Indies, threaten India and Australia and would probably be able to secure herself as

months we shall have topped the Nazi air strength, even allowing for increased losses as we intensify bombing attacks. Yesterday's cables concerning Rudolf Hess hinted that the No. 3 Nazi had reached a similar conclusion and that he realises that once this happens, it will be the beginning of the end for Germany in this struggle. Sea supremacy we already enjoy; with air supremacy as a support, Britain will be in a position to start that long-awaited offensive, which will drive the Nazis from the western part of the European continent, and will bring about the final defeat of Hitlerism.

to make her ejection from the South China Sea a matter of long and terrible war, even if at some subsequent date the British and American peoples were prepared to undertake such a task.

WHILE Singapore remains in British hands it affords an opportunity for British or perhaps American naval forces to operate in the South China Sea, to cut off Japan from all trade with Europe, India and Africa, to deny her the chance of getting oil and other supplies from the Dutch East Indies, and eventually to defeat her by the pressure of a blockade which she is ill-fitted to endure after three and a half years of exhausting and unproductive war in China.

With Singapore in Japanese hands, Japan would be almost blockade proof and could not easily be attacked in any more direct fashion. Thus, Singapore is the key to the Far Eastern strategy, both of Japan and her possible opponents.

An overland approach to Singapore would necessitate the violation of Thai territory or the co-operation of that country. Even when the Japanese reached Bangkok they would still have 1,000 miles to go down the long narrow Malay Peninsula, against determined and ever-increasing opposition. This could not easily or quickly be overcome. They would have the advantage of the command of the sea and could use their fleet to support at least the left flank of their armies as well as to make landings on the Malay Peninsula; but they would have to establish air bases capable of covering those landings, and there is nothing on record about the Japanese Air Force so far which leads one to believe that it could hope to meet on equal terms the Royal Air Force or its Australian sister service, even though armed with not too modern planes, as is the case with most of the Far Eastern squadrons. A direct land or land-and-sea assault on Singapore does not, therefore, seem to be among present probabilities.

The Japanese might, however, think a better mode of approach would be the piecemeal conquest of certain islands of the Dutch East Indies, eventually neutralising Singapore by occupying the surrounding positions. Meanwhile, such operations might open up a route by which Japanese naval forces could penetrate the Bay of Bengal and the Indian Ocean. Were this to happen it would constitute a deadly threat not only to the British positions in the Far East but to the whole British war effort in the Mediterranean, which is largely de-

Major Fielding Eliot

loading American military export, here explains the possible moves in the Far Eastern situation, of which Britain's great naval base, Singapore, is the key

pendent for supplies of munitions and reinforcements on such Indian Ocean sources as India, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Malaya itself. The domination of the Indian Ocean by the Japanese Navy would, therefore, be a most serious matter.

BUT first of all, key positions in the Dutch East Indies would have to be secured. The Dutch army in these islands consists of some 85,000 men (of which perhaps a third are Europeans). There is an air force of 400-500 aircraft, many of them American planes of the latest design. The Dutch Fleet includes three or four light cruisers, eight destroyers, perhaps 20 submarines and a good many light craft. For the Japanese to venture down amongst the innumerable islands of the Archipelago would entail, therefore, very considerable risks.

THESE risks become still greater when we consider the forces and bases available to Japan. Even allowing for their complete possession of Indo-China—which they have by no means achieved—their forces in Indo-China, Hainan and South China are connected only by sea with their main forces in Japan and the Yangtze Valley. Between stands the British base at Hongkong, stoutly fortified and capable of a protracted defence; capable also of supporting a considerable naval force. Opposite Hongkong, on the eastern side of the 800-mile channel into the South China Sea, is the United States base of Manila, which now contains three cruisers, 13 destroyers, 18 or more submarines and two squadrons of long-range flying boats.

If Hongkong held a comparable British force and United States-British co-operation were assured, Japan would never dare any enterprise in the South China Sea until these two advance bases had been reduced. Hongkong has a substantial garrison also and there is an American regular force in and

around Manila—plus the native levies for what they are worth. To reduce either or both would be a long, hard job.

IF the Japanese tried to strike east of the Philippines they would be confronted with the Dutch advanced base at Ambolna, backed up by Australia's fortified harbour of Port Darwin. It needs only a minimum of mobile forces—air and sea—to make such a move unattractive. If the Japanese had also to consider that time thus lost would enable the United States' Pacific Fleet to arrive from Pearl Harbour, even the most reckless Japanese militarist could not but shrink from the prospect of so many hard knocks with so little chance of halfpence.

There is a tendency to regard the Japanese as being over reckless. This ought to be corrected. They made one bad miscalculation in China, but that is no reason to anticipate that they will make another, and worse one. They have not failed to take note of the quiet conversations that have been proceeding in Washington and London. They will make all the progress they can by the time-honoured method of bluff and threat; but they will think a long time ere they commit the fate of their "New Order" to the unforeseeable chances of war with Britain and the Netherlands, and possible war with the United States as well. Even now, the rapid completion of the new British ships plus the changing situation in the Mediterranean might at any moment permit of the appearance of strong British naval forces at Singapore: not strong enough to fight the Japanese Fleet in line of battle probably, but fully strong enough to make any move toward Singapore hazardous in the extreme. And at Pearl Harbour the American Pacific Fleet, far more powerful than that of Japan, lies quietly on the watch.

THESE are possibilities which will be well weighed at Tokyo. No Western man can read the Oriental mind, but it seems a good guess that only a great German victory in Europe could encourage Japan to take the risks of a move on Singapore. That Japan will herself risk all she has won, and all she hopes to win, to contribute to that victory while it is still uncertain is a theory which Berlin would doubtless like to see accepted, but which there is nothing in Japanese history to support.—(M.I.).

6,000 Penny Dreadfuls For Nation

THE world's most complete private collection of Penny Dreadfuls, between 5,000 and 6,000 books, is being given to the British Museum.

It was owned by Barry Oso, the music hall artist, who died at Barnstable. He started collecting them 50 years ago.

Barry Oso, whose real name was F. V. Harrison, valued his collection at £5,000.

When he started collecting he bound the books up in brown paper, in lots of a dozen each, and opened a flourishing lending library. Entrance was 6d., and there was a weekly subscription of one penny.

For a time he strayed from the collector's path. Wanting a cycle, he sold his collection for £4,000. "They would be worth £200 today," he used to lament. But he carried on collecting later. Among Barry Oso's collection are some on "Sweetie Todd," "Black Bess," or the Knight of the Road, "The Skeleton Horseman," and "Spring-heeled Jack, the Terror of London."

Inspiring Words To Indians

Patiala Company

PATIALA, May 15 (Reuter).—"I expect each one of you to uphold the glorious traditions bequeathed to us and to lay down your lives, if need be, in defence of the British Empire which is at present fighting for the preservation of human liberty and civilisation."

With these words, the Maharajah of Patiala bade farewell to the officers and men of the Motor Transport Company raised in the state of Patiala on the eve of their departure for active service with the British forces.

The Maharajah added that to all brave people the call to duty such as the present one should prove a source of inspiration and jubilation, and he hoped that his soldiers would at least live up to it not improve upon the high standard of loyalty and sacrifice set up by their ancestors.

He assured the men that his Government would take every possible care of their families in their absence.

Fell 35 Feet From Ship

American To Be X-Rayed

Mr Herman Lalgar, the American who was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital last night following an accident at the Kowloon Wharf, was this morning reported to be "not doing too well." It is understood that he will be X-rayed this morning.

Mr Lalgar was reported to have fallen from a height of 35-ft and struck his head on the railway lines on the wharf. He was taken to the Hospital shortly after midnight. He fell from the President Tyler.

STOCK EXCHANGE

Investment Buying

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange to-day continued to be cheerful. Industrials were firm, especially breweries on fair investment buying.

Gilt-edged stocks declined slightly at the start but closed steady.

Oils tended to be easier. Coppers and tin were firmly held.

Foreign bonds were firm. Egyptian four per cent. were a pound higher at 75, and Czech 8 per cent. were three up at 37.

Wall Street was hesitant.

Convoy Showdown Postponed

WASHINGTON, May 15 (UP).—

The Senate showdown on the use of convoys was definitely postponed to-day when Senator Charles Tobey announced that he would not introduce his anti-convoys resolution as an amendment to the pending foreign ship requisition bill.

Senator Tobey indicated that he will probably await President Roosevelt's decision on May 27 before taking further action.

Exports To Russia Resumed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, May 15 (UP).—It is learned here to-day that the United States has resumed the exports of machinery to Russia and it is believed that the talks between the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull and the Soviet Ambassador, M. Oumansky opened the way for the resumption of talks regarding Russo-American trade between M. Oumansky and Mr. Sumner Welles, Under Secretary of State.

Wants To Aid Eire

WASHINGTON, May 15 (UP).—

A bill was introduced in the Senate to-day requesting President Roosevelt to allow Eire to borrow or lease armaments under the terms of the Lend and Lease Bill, and to employ "every means to insure delivery thereof."



The Rev. Vernon Stones and his bride, the former Miss Dorothy Ann White, nursing sister, of Bradford, Yorkshire, who were married at the Methodist Church, yesterday.—Ming Yuen.

Sold Pro-Nazi Paper: Filipinos Arrested

Charged with spreading subversive principles inimical to the Philippine Government, three persons were arrested in Manila last week for selling what police said was a subversive newspaper, "Kalakal," and for displaying placards on bicycles containing pro-Nazi statements.

They were riding on bicycles carrying placards which contained vernacular statements that \$300,000,000 would be spent to spread Nazism all over the world, extending to the Philippines, police said.

According to police findings, says the "Manila Bulletin," the "Kalakal" is a subversive newspaper carrying articles which constitute a menace to the Philippine Government.

Several copies of the newspaper were confiscated by the police together with the placards displayed on the bicycles and will be used as evidence.

Japanese Champion Retires From Wrestling

Tokyo, May 15.—"Sumo" Grand Champion Minatogawa, whose gigantic 6 feet 3 inches and 310 lb. frame makes him the largest of Japan's wrestlers and co-holder, with handsome, invincible Futabayama, of the ranking of Grand Champion (Yokozuna), yesterday announced his withdrawal from active wrestling.

The reason for the startling announcement is a bad case of Sciatica, which was the direct cause of poor showing in the current Sumo tournament, in which he lost three matches out of five.

Whether or not the retirement will be permanent, Minatogawa is not certain, but at any rate he will rest for some time with a view to suitably improving his mind and catching up on the complicated state of world affairs by attending lectures at the famous Waseda University.—Domet.

"Y" Beat Signals At Water-polo

A fast water-polo game took place in the Army pool yesterday when European Y.M.C.A. beat Signals 4-0 after a 1-0 lead at the interval. A. F. May (2), R. Goldman and W. B. Ure scored.

Middle East Aerial Activity, Summary

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—A British Middle East communiqué issued to-day states:

Circana.—On the night of May 12-13, bombers over Benghazi registered direct hits on the railway, the military headquarters, government buildings and the base of the Cathedral mole. Fires were started but detailed observation was difficult. Numerous reconnaissance patrols were carried out yesterday.

Dodecanese.—On the previous night, aerodromes at Maritza and Calato were bombed. Fires were started and there were hits near dispersed aircraft.

Iraq.—There have been continuous aerial attacks on rebel positions and objectives such as aerodromes, railways and motor transport. Amara, Rasheed, Mosul and the railway at Baghdad were all raided.

Abyssinia.—Direct hits were obtained on Fort Mendi in Central Abyssinia, and machine gun posts and troops were attacked at Selassiemanna and Ghabassire by units of the South African Air Force.

Malta.—Enemy aircraft raided Malta on the night of May 13-14, causing slight damage to R.A.F. property, but no casualties, civilian or military. There was another small raid yesterday. British fighters intercepted and drove off these planes.

"From all these operations, two aircraft were lost but the pilot of one of them escaped safely by parachute."

Chaplin Sued By Writer

Konrad Bercovici, novelist, who claims he originated Charlie Chaplin's film, "The Great Dictator," is suing Chaplin for £1,562,500, says a New York report.

Bercovici says that Chaplin, on Jan. 5, 1937, agreed to work with him on a series of films.

Bercovici claims he submitted one idea which resembled the theme of "The Great Dictator."

In April, 1938, Chaplin told him that for political and other reasons, the film could not be made.

But, unknown to him, Chaplin went on with the film, Bercovici alleges.

Konrad Bercovici, born in Rumania 19 years ago, went to New York in 1910.

Sarajevo Tablet Given To Hitler

A German officer has carried off the tablet at Sarajevo (in Yugoslavia) commemorating the assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand of Austria on June 28, 1914.

The officer presented the tablet to Hitler, who will hand it to the German War Museum.

Archduke Ferdinand and his wife were shot dead while they were driving in an open carriage through the streets of Sarajevo.

The assassination led to the 1914-18 war.

The assassins were Bosnians, of Serbian origin.

Baby's Cry Scares Off Burglar

Two-year-old Elizabeth, daughter of Wing Commander J. M. Elckerton, should have been asleep in her cot at her home at Denham (Bucks).

But she was not. She was wide awake. Too wide awake for a burglar who climbed through her bedroom window, switched on the lights and began searching in some drawers.

The burglar did not see Elizabeth, so he was disconcerted and surprised when he heard her cry "Mummy."

He fled. Out of the window and down a ladder he had placed there.

Japanese In U.S. Training

Young Americans of Japanese ancestry are being selected for military training in United States Army camps up and down the Pacific Coast.

Names among those chosen to become American soldiers are typical of what might well be taken from the roster of troops in Japan, as Yoshio Fujita, Kazu Sera, Masaru Nakamoto, Makoto Tsuchiyama, Tomo Goto, Kazami Kawafuchi, Masaki Yoshino, and Nobuo Matsumoto.

Quisling Men Beat Boys

A fresh example of Quislingite violence towards Norwegian school-children is reported by the Swedish newspaper "Societetskrönikan."

A detachment of Quisling's storm-troopers forced their way into a school at Skien and took away four boys who, they alleged, had "misbehaved" a member of the Quisling Youth Guard.

The boys were stripped naked and beaten with leather straps.

UNION WITH U.S. ONLY CHANCE

The only chance of reconstruction after the war would be through union between the British Empire and the United States, said Colonel Josiah Wedgwood, Labour M.P. for Newcastle-under-Lyme, at a meeting in Leeds recently.

Mistaken For Fifth Columnist

Mistaken for a Fifth Columnist during night exercises, a sergeant received a bayonet wound, and died in hospital.

At the inquest at Winchester, Gloucestershire, on the sergeant, William Nolan (33), a verdict was recorded of "Death by misadventure, with negligence, by Private Arthur Rath," whose bayonet caused the wound.

The jury added a rider that there was negligence by Colour Sergt. William Power, for permitting one of his men to carry a fixed bayonet.

"Impaled"

A private told the coroner that he heard someone shout: "Stop those men. They are Fifth Columnists!"

Private Rath said he was told to take a man under arrest. He therefore fixed his bayonet, and was marching the man away when Nolan sprang at them. He did not thrust the bayonet at Nolan, who must have impaled himself on it as he sprang forward.

He was a cook and was not accustomed to ordinary duties, he said.

New Zealand Runs Short Of Whisky

Not one Auckland (New Zealand) hotelkeeper will now sell a bottle of whisky over the bar counter, nor a half-bottle, nor a small flask. The publicans have not got them to sell.

Even nips, sold in bars for consumption on the premises, are limited to certain brands.

Wholesale wine and spirit merchants are in the same plight. Some are still able to give old customers one bottle with a monthly order, but the majority have none at all.

Hundreds of cases of whisky destined for New Zealand have been sunk by enemy action, and until further cargoes arrive the drought will continue.

New Drink Fashions

Gin supplies are nearly as short. It is almost impossible to buy a bottle of gin retail.

Aucklanders are rapidly adopting new fashions in drinks. Beer is largely replacing spirits, and sherry parties are replacing cocktail parties.

There is plenty of good quality Australian sherry available. American sailors vainly sought to buy whisky when in Auckland.

They had to be content with rum of various doubtful breeds, which they took away in small flasks to private parties at which they entertained.

ISOLATIONISTS DEFEATED

WASHINGTON, May 15 (Reuter).—The Senate to-day defeated an isolationist effort to veto the transfer of shipping from one belligerent to another despite arguments that such transfer would be "needless provocative acts of war."

It will be recalled that the House of Representatives defeated a similar amendment on May 7.

Battleship Commissioned

PHILADELPHIA, May 15 (UP).—The 35,000 ton battleship Washington which cost \$80,000,000 to build was formally commissioned here to-day. She carries nine 16-inch guns, has a speed of 30 knots and a cruising range of 5,000 miles.

Export Bill Passed

WASHINGTON, May 15 (UP).—The Senate to-day unanimously passed the Philippine export control bill which now goes to the House.

Prisoners Of War Lose Free Smokes

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—Information having been received that the German Government have discontinued the free issue of cigarettes to British prisoners of war, the British War Office has consequently taken parallel action where German prisoners of war are concerned. It is authoritatively stated.

LORRY FOR FISH AND CHIPS

A driver of the Royal Engineer admitted at a field general court-martial at Chatham recently conducted to the prejudices of good order, military discipline by using a War Dept. vehicle for private purposes. He took out a lorry to buy fish and chips. The decision of the court was not then made known.

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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

Good Dividends For Punters Last Saturday

Baffin Bay's Challenge To Australian Diamond Blocked On Straight

AT THE RELEASE of the tape Australian Diamond (H. S. Chang) forged ahead, and the "precious stone" was never headed again to win the main event, Beas River Paddocks Handicap, beating Baffin Bay (L. B. Chao) by a length and a half in a record time of two minutes 39.3/5 seconds for 1½ miles.

Field Glasses Needed By The Army

FURTHER to the recent appeal for Field Glasses for use by the Army in Hongkong, the Hongkong Jockey Club has circularised their members with a reminder of that appeal.

Members willing to assist may forward their glasses to the Secretary, Exchange Building, or they may deposit them at the Secretary's office on any race day.

The glasses loaned will be retained in the Colony and will be subsequently returned, except in cases where members state that the glasses are given outright.

Half-Yearly Meeting

The half-yearly General Meeting of voting members of the Jockey Club will be held at the Clubhouse, Happy Valley on Thursday, May 20, at 5.30 p.m.

Unrecorded Record For Blue Field

GALVESTON BAY (V. V. Needa) should have won the West River Handicap (second section) over a course from the two mile post, once round and in, but the jockey was late with his usual spectacular finish and the pony lost the first prize stake money to Blue Field by half length.

The latter's time over the distance was clocked in two minutes 9.½ seconds, cutting Sam's Choice's figure by three-fifths of a second and it must, therefore, be a record. This was not, however, chalked on the blackboard.

Three-figure Dividend For Opening Event

LAST SATURDAY'S racing opened with a high explosive bomb in the inaugural event, Carpentaria Handicap, for "E" class Australian ponies, when Harmony Star with the owner (S. W. Lee)

With a scorching summer afternoon, which was enough to bake anything, the grass track was very firm and fast. The thud of the hoofs could not only be heard at a good distance, but dust was raised as the runners came down the straight.

It was told by the punters in the public enclosure that all the finishes were practically screened by the dust.

Baffin Bay Blocked

HOWEVER, I followed the race very closely with my glasses and I observed two important things. In the first place the jockey rode a smart and well-timed race on Australian Diamond, but I cannot help saying that Mr Chang owed his success to the fact that Baffin Bay was badly "sandwiched" in the home stretch.

After passing the 1¼ mile post Australian Diamond was still in the lead, followed by Baffin Bay with Endeavour on his near side, and there were also Man-o-War and Viceroy.

Then came the vital point. At the entrance of the straight Baffin Bay was in trouble on the rails running behind. The jockey attempted to come through, but he could not make any headway owing to the fact that Endeavour was still going strong.

As luck would have it, it was not until after passing the distance that Endeavour began to flag, but what was the use of the opening in the last hundred yards from the touch line. The combination tried very hard, but Australian Diamond crossed the wire first with a margin of one and a half lengths.

A Protest

IT was learned after the race that Viceroy was interfered with at the sharp bend and a protest was lodged against the pilot on Man-o-War for bumping. An enquiry was held, but the Stewards accepted Mr Tao's explanation.

However, it was Australian Diamond's first classic outing over a long journey, and the mare by distance took 2.39.3/5 to cover the distance.

Not only did the chestnut establish a new track figure for 1½ miles, but her time was two one-fifth seconds faster than the old record of 2.41.4/5 held by For View carrying 155 lb.

In the saddle crossed the line first and paid \$103.90 to the delight of 145 staunch supporters.

It was a struggle down the straight, but Mr Lee showed his superiority of pushing in the last fifty yards, and he secured the verdict by a short head.

I also noticed that Mr Lee rode his race from the back and should he continue to adopt this principle, he would very soon emerge from his novice class.

Afternoon Of Incidents: Record Sale For Pari-mutuel: Record Breaking Run By Australian Diamond

RACING AT HAPPY VALLEY last Saturday was of very high standard and so were the two big "pay outs" of over \$100 coupled with a daily double return of \$440.60 for the combination of Amber II/Dashing Beauty.

The classic event, Beas River Paddocks Handicap, over the Derby course was won by Australian Diamond ably ridden by Mr H. S. Chang in a record time of two minutes 39.3/5 seconds for one and a half miles, lowering United Express' figure by nine two-fifths seconds.

The sad disappointment of Viceroy in the big handicap contest, the crashing of a few hot favourites, a new record sale of tickets for win in the pari-mutuel department, and a protest lodged against Mr B. L. Tao's riding, bracketed with two minor accidents, were the other features of the meeting.

The arrival of Their Excellencies Sir Geoffrey Northcote and Commander Gabriel Maurice Teixeira before lunch was greeted with a few bars of God Save The King and the Portuguese National Anthem. It was learned on good authority that the Macao Governor was very much impressed with Hongkong's racing, and His Excellency followed every contest with keen interest.

Enclosures Packed

IT was undoubtedly a huge success from every point of view and the terraces in both enclosures were closely packed to its full capacity. The Chinese followers of the turf did not forget to bring their "fans," and I am afraid that the use of these winnowing-machines was in certain measure responsible for the "non-appearance" of hot favourites.

About a year ago elaborate alterations were carried out in the Members' Pari-Mutuel Hall to avoid the necessity of rubbing shoulders, but somehow or other it has not relieved the congestion. There have lately been a few complaints as to the difficulty of approaching the betting counters on account of the last minute rush.

It may be of interest to know that extensive alterations will be carried out immediately after the Whitsun Meeting. I have not seen the plans, but it is learned that the terrace in the Members' enclosure will be demolished and a new one erected with plenty of space below to accommodate the betting counters.

This will naturally provide plenty of room in the middle of the hall and punters will not have to fight their way to get a ticket.

Newmarket Racing

Favourite Wins Payne Stakes

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—The 11/8 favourite, Winter Halter, ridden by Harry Wragge, won the Payne Stakes at Newmarket to-day. Hippius (6/1) and Planchado (5/2) were second and third.

Winter Halter won by three-quarters of a length, a neck separating second from third. Five ran.

Major Baseball

White Sox Overwhelm N.Y. Yankees

NEW YORK, May 15 (UP).—Chicago White Sox inflicted overwhelming defeat on New York Yankees to-day winning by 13-1. In the National League, New York Giants nosed out Chicago Cubs 2-1.

Scores were:

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	R	H	E
Chicago	13	14	0
Batteries: E. Smith, Trean.			
New York	1	9	2
Batteries: Bohman, Stancowy, Branch, Roser.			
Detroit	10	18	1
Batteries: Newhouse, Tebbetts.			
Philadelphia	7	0	0
Batteries: Marchildon, C. Harris, Hayes.			
St. Louis	7	9	3
Batteries: Galehouse, Grube.			
Washington	0	1	1
Batteries: Chase, Masterson, Anderson, Zuber, Early.			
Cleveland	6	11	0
Batteries: Altman, Ileving, Feller, Desautels, Henneley.			
Boston	4	6	3
Batteries: Johnson, Fleming, Rubb, Pytlak.			

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WORLD RECORD BILLIARDS BREAK BY WALTER LINDRUM

MELBOURNE, May 15 (Reuter).—Walter Lindrum broke his own world billiards record to-day, compiling a break of 3,735 against his brother Fred. The previous record was 3,301, also made against Fred Lindrum in July.

During 10 months of exhibition play Lindrum has raised £18,000 for war funds.

Billy Conn Becomes Heavyweight "White Hope" Colourful Boxing Career

IT WILL BE a great night for Irish-Americans when Billy Conn meets Joe Louis for the heavyweight boxing championship of the world. The fight is scheduled to take place in June but matchmaking in America is such a complex and tricky business that the date may be shifted backwards or forwards a month or more.

The fixture is also dependent on the Brown Bomber's ability to dispose of one or two other challengers, but no serious difficulty is anticipated here and the promoters are banking on the Louis-Conn match to provide boxing's battle of the year.

The event will be staged in an outdoor stadium to give the "gate" a fair chance of reaching the million-dollar mark.

The experts concede Conn no more than a slim chance of winning. They admit his cleverness and speed but consider that his punching is not heavy enough to take the Bomber. Their judgment is also influenced by the old boxing maxim that "a good big 'un will always beat a good little 'un."

Billy Conn is really a light-heavyweight whose best fighting weight is around 175 lbs. For the Louis match, he may put on an extra ten pounds with the idea of increasing the devil of his punches, but the Bomber will weigh in at slightly more than 200 lbs. and a clear stone is a lot to give away to a man who has been an undefeated world's champion for four years.

Curious Camp

William David Conn was born among the chimneys of East Liberty, a courtesy suburb of Pittsburgh—once of the smokiest towns in America—on October 8, 1917. That makes him 23 years of age, which gives him a four-year advantage over Louis.

His father emigrated to the United States from County Down. Normally he is a plumber by trade but since his son's rise to fame he has forgotten his tools and has taken over the job of corner-man, adviser, second (trainer) and general booster. He is an indispensable member of the Conn-clave, the curious group which has argued and wrangled its way from obscurity to fame.

After Billy Conn himself, the next most important member of the Conn-clave is Johnny Ray, his manager, an old-time box-fighter who "discovered" the youngster in a Pittsburgh gymnasium.

Want To Jeer

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Eve of Folly's Unexpected Success

SIR VICTOR SASSOON'S Eve of Folly scored an unexpected success in the West River Handicap (first section) over a course from the two mile post, once round and in, and the Jockey Mr Wood rode a clever race on the winner. The pony paid \$53.20 for a win.

Hopeful Star ran a good second and the grey should be watched in his next outing.

There was a keen tussle between Expansion Time (Black) and King Kong (Wei) for the lower position in the frame, but the two judges could not separate them, and a decision of dead heat was accepted without means.

A Great Loss To Racing

Late Mr Eu Tong-sen's Career At Happy Valley

THE NEWS of Mr Eu Tong-sen's death deeply shocked the racing circles at Happy Valley. The passing of one of the main pillars of Hongkong's racing came as a big surprise, because a few of his string had taken part in last Saturday's meet.

The death of the Singapore millionaire is not only an irreparable loss to the Hongkong Jockey Club, but it leaves a gap almost impossible to bridge. The late Mr Eu was one of those very few owners who could always take a beating with a smile. It is not possible to say at this juncture whether the famous crimson and yellow cap will ever be seen again on the programme.

First Venture

THE late Mr Eu entered the arena in 1935 with a string of seven animals and they were Diogenes, Plato, Rose-Ann, Rose-Queen, Rousseau, Socrates and Voltaire.

Like all other rich owners, his first ambition was "a go" at the Blue Riband and he missed the exclusive classic with his Rose-Queen by half length, ridden by Mr V. V. Needa.

The mare atoned for her failure by winning the St George's Plate and in the following year Rose-Queen captured the Chater Cup with Mr Encarnacao in the saddle.

Space does not permit a list of all his successes, but in 1936 the late Mr Eu drew the best China pony subscription griffin, and Rose Evelyn with the Shanghai crack rider up gained an aggregate of \$5,400 with the inclusion of the Subscription Griffins' Challenge Cup, the Professional Cup, and the Subscription Griffins St Leger. In the following seasons the mare won the Garrison Cup, the Royal Navy Cup and many other handicap events.

Though Desert Chief ran second to Silkylight in the 1938 Hongkong Derby, his Cameronian captured the Lusitano Cup, the American Cup and the St George's Plate. Smiling Thru, a sub-griffin, annexed the Governor's Cup in the same year.

Best Season

THE best racing season to the millionaire was in 1939 when Rose Elect won the triple crown, the Maiden Stakes, the Hongkong Derby and the Champion Stakes. It was his first and only Blue Riband and Champion successes.

The two important classics, which the late Mr Eu failed to win, were

MONEY FLOWS FAST OVER BETTING COUNTER

AS PREDICTED, the best field was seen in the Waitland Handicap (second section) and there were 15 "C" class Australian ponies saddled for the mile run.

There was an extraordinary flow of money on this event and the public plunged an aggregate sum of \$51,795 (equivalent to 10,359 chances) on the 15 runners, which was a record sale for win.

The hot favourites were Anzac Day with 2,243 tickets, Cockloroi (1,511), Maple Star (1,208) and Twinkling Star (2,261), but Bendigo turned up to the disgust of punters. The chestnut paid \$75.80 to those 603 clever mathematicians who must have had a nice day.

the Hongkong St Leger and the Double Tenth Plate. He had, however, the distinction of seeing all his three candidates placed in the Tardy Handicap on December 17, 1938, and they were Lucky (C. Encarnacao), Rose Jane (Poy) and Rose-Queen (S. W. Pan).

Dismal Meeting

RACING has always many thrills, but the most hectic one at the 1940 Annual Carnival was the break on the wheel, which neither Mr Charlie Encarnacao nor Mr "Billy" Poy could release, and the result was that the late Mr Eu went through the annual meeting without scoring a win.

One would hardly believe that out of 21 Australian and China ponies nominated for various events, Potentate ran a dead-heat with Expansion Time for a second place, while Rose Evelyn had a couple of placings. That was all for a long string and the stable earned a paltry sum of \$750.

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Marx Brothers To Retire From Films

THE Marx brothers have announced in Hollywood that they are retiring after they finish making their present film. The brothers are Harpo, Groucho, and Chico.

After he retires, Harpo, "dumb" member of the Marx Brothers troupe for 20 years, expects to do much talking in a play for British war relief fund. He recently gave evidence at the trial of Joseph Schenck, film executive, on a tax evasion charge.

Asked by counsel, "Can you talk?" Harpo replied: "Oh, yes, I won \$2,446 from Schenck. I held plenty aces."

Chico Marx intends to form a band. Groucho wants to be a writer.

Groucho Marx told Los Angeles reporters that he and his brothers thought the public had almost reached the point of being tired of their films.

"Our stuff is stale—and so are we," Groucho said.

Good Musicians

All the Marx brothers are splendid musicians. Their mother trained them from childhood for stage careers.

The brothers first appeared in vaudeville acts with their mother.

They had immediate success with their first film, "Cocoanuts," followed by "Horsefeathers," "Duck Soup," "A Night at the Opera," "A Day at the Races," and other hits.

Academy Paintings Censored

Some of this year's Royal Academy pictures have gone to the censor.

"A number of artists who have been painting from war subjects have voluntarily submitted their paintings to censorship," an official said. "Although there will be no official examination of the Royal Academy exhibition, any artist whose painting commits a breach of regulations will be liable to prosecution."

Published reproductions of works hanging in the Academy will be watched for censorable matter.

This year's Academy, which opened on May 3, is smaller than usual because one-third of the galleries has been bombed.

Canada's 40,000 Airmen

Canada, which had fewer than 5,000 airmen at the outset of the war, now has more than 40,000, Sir Herbert Ames asserted recently.

The veteran Member of the Canadian Parliament in a prepared address for Boston University's Graduate School Alumni Association, listed the three tasks assigned to the Royal Canadian Air Force as its contribution in the war.

"First," he said, "it is to be used for home defence, second for overseas fighting, and finally for supplying instructors to train incoming cadets."

"Wrens" Serving In Malaya

A contingent of the Women's Royal Naval Service—popularly known as the "Wrens"—has arrived in Singapore.

The "Wrens" will be engaged on wireless duties and all have specialised technical knowledge.

The women looked very smart in their white duck uniform with its distinguishing blue and gold wireless crest on the collar, says the "Straits Times." The uniform is completed by a white panama hat.

English Goose Skins Make Powder Puffs

POWDER PUFFS made from English goose-skins instead of Polish and French; iodine from seaweed, which is also being used to replace potash fertilisers that used to come from Germany and Alsace-Lorraine—these are two examples showing how the war is causing Britain to make greater use of her own resources.

Old rural industries, indeed, are coming into their own again now that they are freed from foreign competition.

With the shortage of wood the Cornwall net makers have been busy making nets for the country's broccoli crop this year—in place of wooden containers.

Charcoal kilns of a modern type have revived charcoal burning. The product is used in munition making.

Baskets For Shells

Long neglected willow and osier beds have once more known the billhook this winter, for wicker baskets are no longer coming in from Holland. Wicker is being used for packing medical stores for the Army and for shell-containers.

Hoop-shavers, who used to make wooden hoops for cooper's barrels,

Clothes-peg makers are replacing German pegs.

Throughout the winter, woodlands all over Britain which for years have hardly known the foot of man, have resounded to the woodman's axe and the boom of the tractor as they draw logs away to sawmills.

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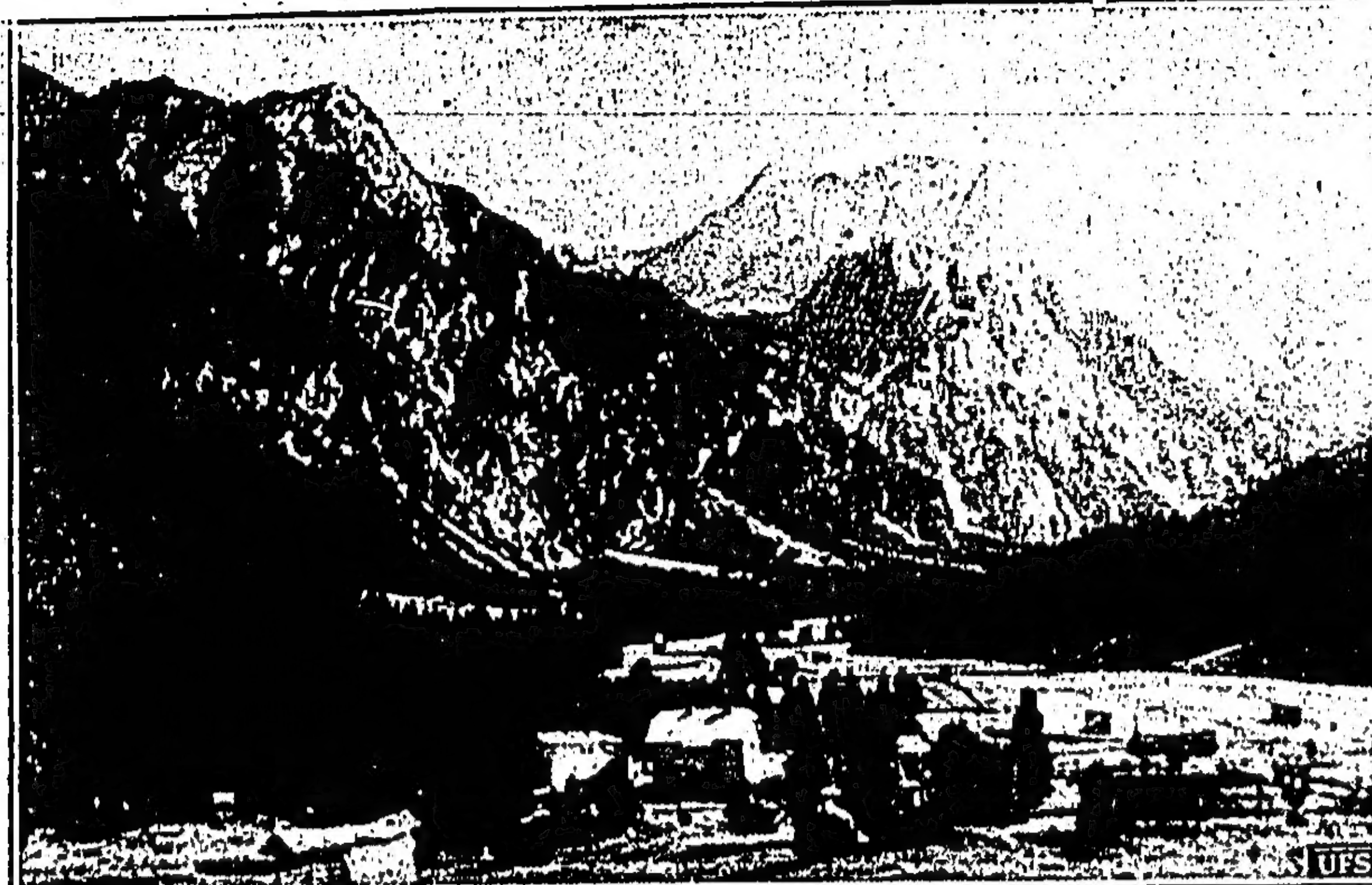
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Poorest Boy Has Chance Now To Enter Dartmouth Naval College

Scholarships to enable the pick of Britain's youth—from all classes of the community—to be trained at the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, were recently announced in Parliament. Mr A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, said that in addition to the present system of entry, which would continue unaltered, thirty scholarships a year would be offered to candidates from grant-aided secondary schools.

The poorest parents, he said, would be relieved of all the boy's training expenses, including cost of uniform, clothing and travelling expenses and, if necessary, provision for the boy's maintenance during the holidays.

Ten scholarships will be granted at each entry, the first being in September.

In addition, further scholarships to a number of not more than ten on each occasion, will be given to boys not coming from grant-aided secondary schools and one to the son of a rating or ex-rating outside the open scholarships.

What It Costs

The fees for Dartmouth are £50 a term.

It is estimated that the parent has to pay a total of £840 up to the time the cadet becomes a midshipman, when he is expected to be self-supporting.

Naval M.P.s will urge the First Lord to grant midshipmen from secondary and private schools a subsistence allowance while at sea of at least £50 a year.

Mr Alexander said that the Admiralty thought they could manage on their pay (£5 a day) if they were careful.

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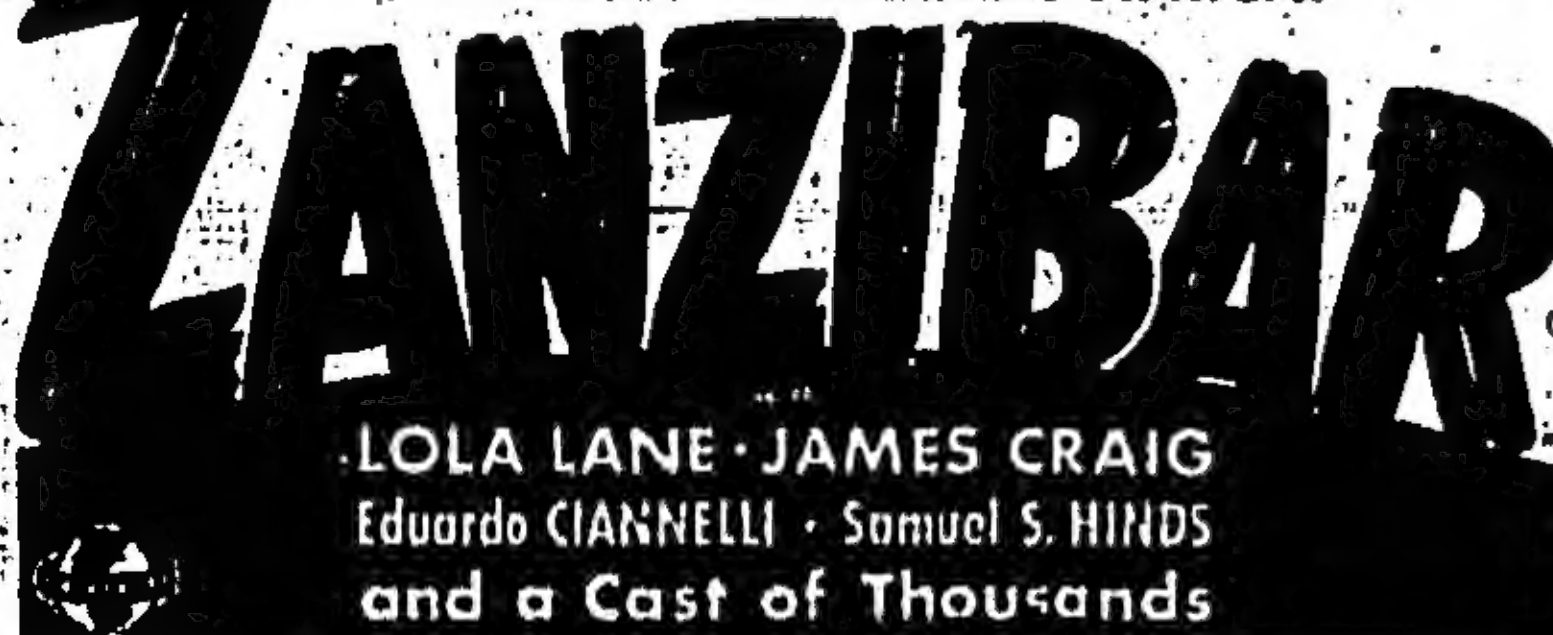
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Germans Landing Planes At Syria

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In the interior of Syria are being used by the Germans.

French Garrison
(BY "REUTERS" DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, May 16.—From a purely legal standpoint, French rights in Syria, which they hold under a mandate from the League, lapsed the moment the French notified their withdrawal from the League of Nations.

Under the Covenant, no nation not a member of the League can hold a mandate except in very special circumstances, which have not arisen. Consequently any action taken by the British would theoretically not be directed against the mandatory power.

The legal aspect, however, is less material than the military issues involved. There is still a French garrison, variously estimated at between 30,000 and 60,000 men. A large number of these are colonial soldiers, the majority of the French troops having returned to France on the collapse of the French Government last June.

Trouble With Populace

The troops who remained are not France's best men and they have been having trouble with the local population. There have been strikes and riots in Damascus, Beirut, Hama and Hama and the authorities had to temporise in order not to precipitate trouble.

The situation is somewhat poisoned by the crisis in Iraq, whose Quisling government have some sympathisers in Beirut and Damascus, but, taken as a whole, the population is not ill-disposed towards Britain.

Although there are not many prepared aerodromes in Syria, the plateau on which Damascus is situated would afford numerous landing grounds and also admirable terrain for mechanised warfare.

Mr Bevin Describes Hess As Murderer

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Square where members of the public will be able to view the plane.

S. African Comment

JOHANNESBURG, May 15 (Reuters).—South African newspapers generally agree that the flight of Hess shows a crack in the Nazi facade.

The "Cape Times" asks why Hitler has not published the documents that Hess is said to have left behind. The "Rand Daily Mail" states that the fact that Hess chose to be a prisoner of war in Britain rather than go to America via Portugal shows that the flight was a protest as well as an escape.

The pro-War Afrikaans paper "Suidersstem" says that the flight is the beginning of an exodus of Nazi leaders who fear the wrath of the misguided German people as their hour of reckoning approaches.

No Hitler Statement

BERLIN, May 15 (UP).—Information made available to the foreign press to-day stated that Hitler does not intend to make a public statement regarding Rudolf Hess at the present, but it is admitted that the affair is a topic of greatest interest and discussion to the "man in the street."

"Nobody doubts that Hess was overcome due to idealistic reasons by a fixed idea that he could bring about peace after convincing England that a continuation of the war was senseless," was the official announcement.

LATE NEWS



Mr Nelson T. Johnson, retiring United States Ambassador to China, photographed yesterday outside the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building after receiving press representatives at the American Consulate. Mr Johnson will meet his successor, Mr Clarence E. Gauss, in Hongkong before leaving for the United States. (Photo: New China Newsphoto).

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merchant ship blew up and the destroyer was last seen with clouds of smoke pouring from it; pilots confirm that it was not a smoke screen, the communiqué concluded.

London Quiet

LONDON, May 15 (Reuters).—London last night was quiet without an alert, and up to early Thursday no reports were made of raids in any other parts of the country.

Presumably the bad weather conditions on the Continent have restricted German air activity to small excursions around the British shores. A few planes are believed to have crossed the coast at one or two points, but no bombs were dropped.

Iraq Situation Soon Under Control

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ed by the fact that Raschid Ali paid four Iraqi generals £100 each, cash down, to lead the revolt.

The British employed every means to stop the revolt peacefully. The officer himself flew down the Euphrates Valley, dropping pamphlets. Nevertheless, he was fired on by isolated batches of rebels with machine-guns.

Unidentified Planes

He added: "During the last few days, I saw several unidentified aircraft flying over Iraq—probably German. They all sheered off very

Britain To Raid Nazi Bases In Syria

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any reliance in the Vichy Government, Mr Eden said: "As regards these particular circumstances, I have made it plain that appropriate action is being taken."

Another Labour member, Mr. Cocks, interposed: "Is it not a fact that since the Vichy Government left the League of Nations, the mandate for Syria no longer exists?"

Mr Eden replied: "I should like to have notice of that, but there is certainly force in Mr Cocks' suggestion."

Vichy Knows Our Views

The Liberal National member, Sir Henry Morris-Jones, asked whether warning was given to the Vichy Government.

Mr Eden stated: "The Vichy Government were fully aware of our attitude in the matter. Indeed, their own undertaking is sufficient indication of their obligations."

In reply to a query whether the American Government had been fully informed of this development, Mr Eden said: "Yes, certainly."

quickly on the approach of our aircraft.

"The Iraqis are tough soldiers but are easily influenced, and with the arrival of reinforcements from India, the position is rapidly easing."

The officer confirmed the reports of the arrival of a number of Nazi planes at Syrian airfields.

The British Imperial troops established in the Near East are confident of being able to handle the situation.

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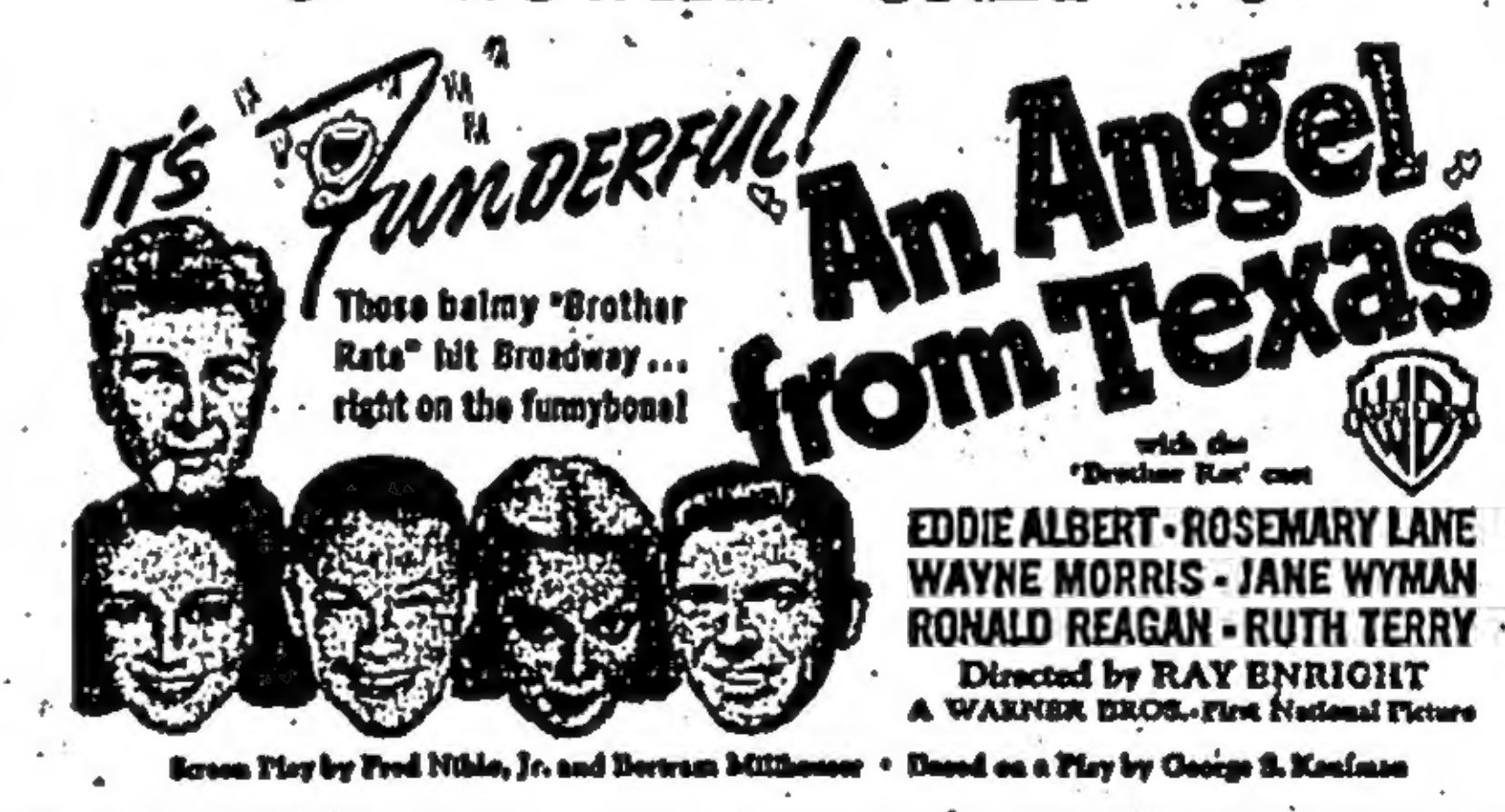
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British Bombing Attack

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—British bombers this afternoon attacked an escorted convoy off the Frisian Islands, bombing three supply ships of 2,000, 4,000 and 5,000 tons respectively. These were left burning.

Diplomatic Pressure On Turkey

Von Papen's Mission

ANKARA, May 15 (Reuter).—It is generally believed that Herr von Papen, the German envoy, in addition to delivering Hitler's "friendly message" when he saw the President, particularly stressed German friendliness towards Turkey—the line which it is understood he took at the Foreign Office the previous day.

It is stated that Papen placed no demands and asked nothing of Turkey but stressed the friendly relations between the two countries since they were allies in the last war, and he undoubtedly told the Turks that Germany was willing to trade on a larger scale.

False Security
In accordance with normal diplomatic procedure it is expected that the Turkish President will instruct the Turkish Ambassador to thank Hitler for his message but even Papen must realise that the Turks cannot be lulled into a sense of false security with honeyed words and that they are continuing to take all necessary measures to safeguard their independence including the wedding out of any likely fifth columnists.

Inonu's Conversations
LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—The Turkish President, General Inonu, gave an interview to the Iraqi Minister of War and the Iraqi Minister at Ankara on Thursday, states the Ankara radio.

In the afternoon the President had received the German Minister and the Greek Ambassador at the Presidential palace.

MALTA RAID DAMAGE

MALTA, May 15 (Reuter).—Considerable damage to civilian property was caused and some people were killed in Wednesday night's raid which was carried out by a smaller formation of enemy planes than usual.

Bombs were dropped. No naval or R.A.F. property was damaged and there were no service casualties, states an official communique.

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—Though unconfirmed, reports state that the German air force is installed in four Syrian bases, including the No. 1 airport of Rayak.

Reporting this, an American radio commentator, speaking from Ankara, added that the Germans are said to have landed 20 bombers four days ago and that this number is said to have been swelled by the arrival of new squadrons.

According to other reports, the Germans have succeeded in transporting by boat and are disembarking at Syrian ports a certain amount of war material, including tanks, but Germans in Ankara deny this.

A German Embassy spokesman said: "There is only one German soldier in Syria and he is the member of the German-Italian Armistice Commission."

London Premature?

Another Axis informant said: "London's decision to send the R.A.F. into action was premature because no German troops had reached Syria, although military preparations had been under way both in Syrian air bases and ports."

It is learned in Ankara, the commentator added, that a German-Italian Military Mission has arrived at the Iraqi capital and that German technicians are reported to be en route across Syria to Iraq.

Bombers and Troop Carriers

CAIRO, May 15 (Reuter).—German planes, which were previously reported to be flying across Syria, are stated authoritatively to have used aerodromes in Syria while en route to Iraq.

They appear to be mostly bombers but there may be one or two troop-carriers among them.

Rayak and Aleppo are among the aerodromes they are reported to have used.

Some of the machines are probably remaining in Syria.

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SECRET SUPPLIES SESSION

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—The House of Commons will shortly hold a secret session to discuss the Ministry of Supply.

The Back Bench Labour member, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, in the House this afternoon asserted that there was much public anxiety on the matter of supply and asked whether this would be allayed by a private session.

Mr. Churchill declared that the Government would have welcomed a public session. He did not agree that there was so much anxiety and he hoped to show that great progress was being made, but anything more foolish than to give facts and figures in details in public, which would go to Lisbon and then to Germany, he could not imagine.

"We really must leave some work for the German Intelligence," he added amid laughter.

Iraq Situation Rapidly Coming Under Control

(Reuter's Special Correspondent)

CAIRO, May 15.—"The situation in Iraq is rapidly being got under control," stated a British officer who has just flown back from Habbaniyah, and who was interviewed by "Reuter" exclusively this morning.

He continued: "The R.A.F., co-operating with the British Imperial forces, have now put out of action the Iraqi air force without having to use very devastating methods."

"The Iraqi army in isolated sections showed a spirited offensive vigour but in the main were unprepared for major engagements and as soon as

Propaganda

The rising was entirely influenced by the Nazi propaganda machine pouring untruths into the ears of the Iraqis—the Baghdad radio spewing forth lies all day long and trying to invoke hatred of Britishers in the Near East.

Evidence of the subtle methods employed by the Germans is furnished by the fact that the Iraqi army was only a few days away from being completely destroyed."

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Britain To Raid Nazi Air Bases In Syria

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—An announcement that Britain will take action against German aircraft in Syria was made by Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, at question time in the House of Commons today.

The Foreign Secretary declared that detailed information at the Government's disposal showed that the French authorities in Syria are allowing German aircraft to use Syrian aerodromes as stage posts for the flight to Iraq. The British Government consequently had given full authority for action to be taken against these German aircraft on Syrian aerodromes. (Loud cheers.)

French Responsibility

Mr. Eden continued: "The French Government cannot escape responsibility for this situation. Their action under German orders in permitting these flights is a clear breach of the Armistice terms and is inconsistent with the undertakings given by the French Government."

In reply to the Labour member, Mr. Emmanuel Shinwell, who asked whether we could no longer place

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Rescued From Desert Crash

Incident of Desert Warfare

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—Beside a wrecked plane stood a solitary figure while intensive fire from the fort of Rutbah and from an insurgent nest in the sand dunes, swept across the desert.

This was the scene that confronted a young Flying Officer who was making a lone bombing attack on the desert fort-hold for days by Iraqi rebels, says a report from R.A.F. headquarters in the Middle East to the Air Ministry.

The Flying Officer at once landed his plane as close to the wreck as possible. Then he recognised the figure standing near it as his Commanding Officer.

Effective Cross-Fire

The cross-fire from the rebels was intensive and the rescue aircraft was hit several times.

An R.A.F. armoured car, commanded by another Squadron Leader, then drove up and positioned itself between the aircraft and the fort and returned the insurgents' fire.

The Squadron Leader was the only survivor of the wrecked aircraft and he was seriously wounded.

Beirut, Latest Nazi Objective

Beirut, which is the port and chief military base for French forces in Syria, has become a new Nazi objective in Berlin's efforts to disrupt British influence in the Near East. Current reports say that German planes are landing at three Syrian aerodromes. This picture shows the port of Beirut, while winding in the foreground is the road southeast to Damascus. Beyond the crowded pines, olives and vineyards, lies Beirut, on the Mediterranean, reckoned to be a poor port.



Mr Bevin Describes Deputy Fuehrer Hess as Murderer

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—The Minister of Labour, Mr. Ernest Bevin, speaking in London today, said: "From my point of view, Hess is a murderer. You can understand my feelings about Hess when I tell you that he was the man who collected every index card of every Trade Union leader in Germany and social democrats, and when the time came they were either sent to concentration camps or were murdered."

Hitler's Possible Summer Programme

(Reuter's Military Commentator)

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—The flight of Rudolf Hess to Britain is undoubtedly an event of the first importance and will have definitely favourable reactions on Britain's war effort, but whatever may be the real cause of his flight, it will have no effect on events which are immediately impending.

Hitler's plans for the coming campaign will not be altered or delayed; on the contrary, the flight of Hess is "likely to hasten their execution for Hitler may well feel the necessity of giving Germany something else to think about and to achieve a fresh triumph to hearten them."

Within a month, as I see the situation, Hitler will invade Spain, with or without France's consent, besiege Gibraltar and attempt to seize the Atlantic ports of Spain and Portugal.

There will be an attack on Turkey coupled with an attack on Crete, and probably an invasion by air into Syria. There will be a threat, with perhaps 80 Divisions which are standing ready, on Russia.

If Hitler can possibly do it his forces in Libya will be reinforced and the attack on Egypt pressed while the wars on Turkey and Syria are under way.

Focus On Vichy

It will be seen how much these plans centre round Vichy to an even greater extent than they do round Russia. This fact will force decisions on the British War Council and equally on General de Gaulle.

Mr. Churchill displayed some resentment in a debate recently when charges of fighting a kid-glove war were made. Now he must give proof that Britain is not going to fight such a war.

Meanwhile, British strategy should be directed to meeting the Nazi threats not on the Continent of Europe, as has been the case to date, where the Germans can bring in overwhelming numbers, but in Africa and in Asia where the British Empire can redress the balance of numbers and even swing it to the Allied side.

"I do not believe that Hitler did not know that Hess was coming to England. For a good many years, I have had to deal with these totalitarian gentlemen and Communists, and I have seen this kind of stunt over and over again. I am not going to be deceived by any of them. Hess is not a man I would ever negotiate with."

Duke of Hamilton

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—The Duke of Hamilton saw Rudolf Hess within 48 hours of his parachute descent in Scotland, it was revealed today.

The Duke was on duty at an R.A.F. aerodrome when, on official instruction, he flew to Glasgow and met Hess in the presence of representatives of both the Intelligence Service and the Foreign Office. Afterwards the Duke returned to his duties.

Hess is stated to be in an isolated room with an officer in attendance and guards nearby. His condition is said to be improving rapidly.

Plane On Show

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—Rudolf Hess' plane is to be on show in Trafalgar Square as part of London's "War Weapons Week," during which it is hoped to raise at least half of the total subscribed by all provincial towns.

To-morrow night, it will be housed in one of London's most historic buildings and on Saturday morning it will head a procession of National Savings cars and mobile cinema vans on "Constitution Hill."

Later it will be taken to Trafalgar Square.

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Petain Approves Principle Of Nazi-Vichy Agreement

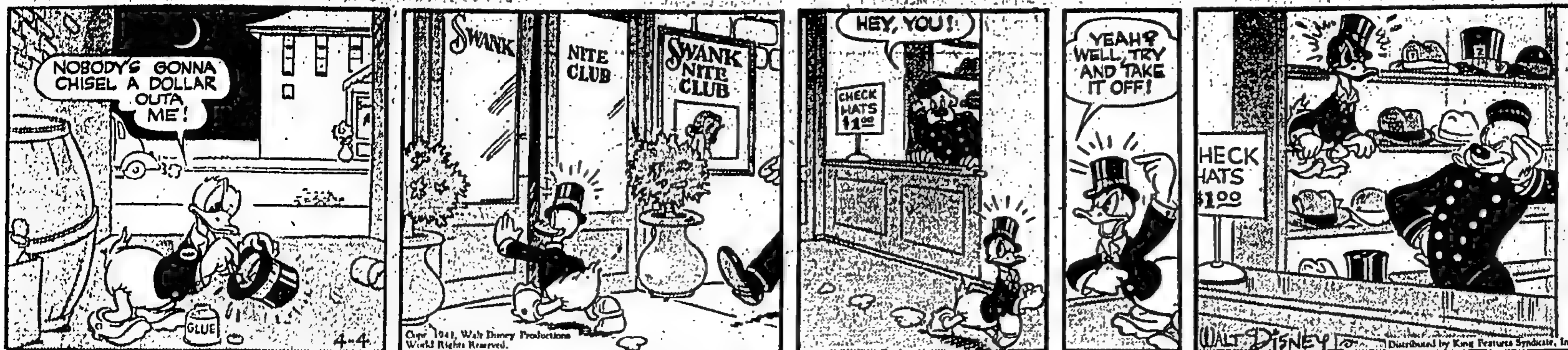
LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—Marshal Petain, in a broadcast speech, referred to Admiral Darlan's secret talk with Hitler in Germany.

He said: "I have approved the principles of this meeting" and added: "This new meeting will enable us to see clearly the road into the future and to continue the talks begun with the German Government."

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ACROSS

- 1—He spares
- 2—Chilly
- 3—Sweet of lava
- 4—Less rich
- 5—Low again
- 6—Black-headed
- 7—Hitter yet
- 8—Bird's claw
- 9—Barrage
- 10—Expert aviators
- 11—Life
- 12—Breach
- 13—Kind of element
- 14—Clashes
- 15—Rocky pinnacle
- 16—To oneself (Latin)
- 17—Proprietor
- 18—Pier
- 19—Boon
- 20—Check letter
- 21—Prop view
- 22—Humor
- 23—Toy babies
- 24—Exit
- 25—Rubber
- 26—Part of insect
- 27—Abhor
- 28—Injure extensively
- 29—Puts in water
- 30—Playing marbles

DOWN

- 1—Load about
- 2—Force
- 3—Neddyah yellow
- 4—Island (French)
- 5—Interact
- 6—Foot lever
- 7—Appropriately
- 8—Amount, lent
- 9—Procured
- 10—Fire disease
- 11—Prepared
- 12—Hard
- 13—The Devil
- 14—Gerie
- 15—Defective shell
- 16—Dissuade in kind
- 17—Relaxed
- 18—Zraps
- 19—Fruit
- 20—Salt
- 21—Noah's landing place
- 22—Optical illusion
- 23—Topmost points
- 24—Exit
- 25—Writing table
- 26—Hairy growth
- 27—Body of water
- 28—Eggs

IN THE CENTRE OF VICHY IS A PLEASANT PARK, and sometimes in the early afternoon the old Marshal walks there, following a great circle from his hotel through the archway of chestnut trees past children romping beside the broad pathway and back again to his hotel doorway where helmeted soldiers stand rigidly at attention beneath the tricolour of France.

It is like a 20-minute tour of unoccupied France—this walk that Petain takes on a sunny day. His step is steady and sedate; his bearing dignified and reassuring, with more than a touch of the old soldier despite his sober black topcoat and black hat.

He goes past the shop windows, where stocks are dwindling or blinds are drawn because there is no more to sell. He goes past handsome resort hotels, requisitioned by the government and turned into crowded offices, where soldiers with fixed bayonets guard the door. He goes past a line of men and women who stand for hours to get food tickets or to buy a quarter pound of goat cheese. He goes past a wall where some passerby at night has scrawled in chalk, "Vive De Gaulle." He goes through little knots of pedestrians who bow or lift their hats.

And at last he comes back to the doorway from which he started and—watching him receive the salute of his bodyguard—you may get an idea of what is happening to France: of how this old man in a black hat has become the pivot around which a broken nation marks time in warring Europe.

FOR France—government and people—is marking time, waiting, helpless and hungry to see who will win the war. France is a land of refugees who circle from one consulate to another and then to the government offices, seeking escape from a belligerent continent. It is a land of defeated and apathetic people who must stand in line for food, for clothing, for fuel. It is a land in which national leadership shifts and circles to meet each change in the tide of a war that may bring still greater disaster. France is struggling only to survive until peace comes again.

One day in the crowded lobby of the Ambassadeurs Hotel a diplomat, whose English was faulty, referred to life in France as a "veechee circle," and it was such an apt description from any viewpoint that nobody asked him whether he meant a Vichy circle, a vicious circle or merely an unhappy pun.

You get off a crowded train from Spain after 40 hours without sleep and often without a seat, and Vichy looks like just what it once was—a quiet, sleepy watering place of 60,000 persons spread out in a valley in the mountains of middle France. But you quickly discover your mistake. The population is increased one-third, even after some 10,000 new arrivals were ordered to leave the temporary capital this winter because they had no satisfactory excuse for living there.

There are no taxis, and almost no automobiles except a few officials' cars because of

FRANCE, Helpless and Hungry

Here is the first of two dispatches by the Foreign News Editor of the United Press on conditions in Unoccupied France, which he visited en route back to the United States after a stay in England. It presents a close-up of Vichy, the temporary capital, and discloses that France is waiting to see who wins the war. The second article will appear next Tuesday.

By **JOE ALEX MORRIS**

lack of gasoline; so you walk half a mile to your hotel.

"YOU were lucky to get a hotel room," friends tell you. "The government has taken over most of them."

Your hotel is a rambling resort place with paper-thin walls and big lounges filled with tea and bridge tables. Well-dressed, smart-looking men and women—the men are in a vast majority—crowd the lobbies at almost any hour of the afternoon or evening, repeating the latest gossip or relaying bits of news that never get into the closely-controlled newspapers. Between rumours they inspect every one, important and unimportant, who comes or goes.

A pot-bellied stove stands in the middle of the lobby, its smoke pipe cutting a black path across the luxurious decorations. Suddenly you realise that there is a coal shortage and that there won't be any heat in your room. Even the lobby is chilly, and woman at tea keep fur coats around their shoulders. Electric heaters are priceless treasures in Vichy.

In your room you find a sign on the bathroom door saying that there will be hot water on Tuesdays and Saturdays. On other days you may be able to persuade the chambermaid to bring a pitcher of lukewarm water for shaving. There is no soap, unless you brought your own, and even after you stand in line for soap tickets you get only a handful of brownish substance as a month's ration. If you want a suit cleaned you must wait 10 days, and if you want socks darned you must furnish your own needle and yarn.

YOU leave the hotel to meet your friends for dinner and are lost in a 90 percent black-out, which is partly precaution against air raids but is also due to the fuel shortage. You stumble down the middle of the street to another of the many resort hotels in the centre of Vichy. There was once a smart bar off the lobby, but now it is closed because the hotel has become the centre of the government. The old Marshal lives there and he ordered the bar closed.

There is a bar in the adjoining hotel—a 25-foot-square room partitioned off with beaverboard walls in one corner of the huge ballroom and lounge. There are scores of persons in the lounge but there is no music, because France is in mourning. Nor is there dancing anywhere in unoccupied France. You push close enough to the bar to order a Martini and discover that it is forbidden to serve cocktails or any mixture of liquors in France. You switch to Scotch and soda, and get only a wry smile from the bartender. The Scotch ran out long ago. "Anyway," he adds, "this is a non-alcoholic day."

You finally settle for a dry wine, and your friends arrive in good humour because, after inspecting the menus outside half a dozen restaurants, they have found a place where you can get an omelette. Omelette? you ask. How about a steak? It turns out that this is a meatless day. Your's lucky to get an omelette.

There is vegetable soup for dinner, an omelette, turnips, spinach and topinambour, which is like a Jerusalem artichoke. There are no potatoes this week—but for the first time in a month there is cheese. Fruit is plentiful, but the coffee is a mixture of grain and 30 percent coffee bean. The bread—normal ration is two inch-thick slices a day—is brown but good. Wine is mostly a local product and getting scarce. There is no butter or sugar.

You are still hungry when dinner is finished, and you can appreciate the irony of a wall sign that quotes a decree published in the official journal: "People of France! You must conserve. It is forbidden to abandon a piece of bread after having rendered it unfit for consumption by the mouth."—Copyright 1941 by United Press.

PACIFIC RAIDERS ROUTED

"All German raiders in the South Seas have been sunk or chased into hiding, according to reliable reports."

The Canadian Trade Commissioner in Australia, Col. L. Moore Cosgrove, said this when he arrived in Los Angeles from Australia.

"The naval authorities have not released any definite information about this," he said.

"But it is commonly known that bombers have been flying farther and farther on scouting flights to seek German ships."

The Australian Navy Minister, Mr. W. M. Hughes, would rather confirm nor deny Mr. Cosgrove's statement.

His only comment was that one judged the efficiency of a police force by the absence of crime, and the Navy and Air Force should similarly be judged by the fact that there had been a notable absence of sinkings and attacks by raiders on Pacific shipping in recent months.

Negro Bar Holds Up China Aid Concert

The organization called the Daughters of the American Revolution, sticking by its boycott of Negro entertainers, which resulted in Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt's resignation, has refused to let its hall in Washington for a benefit performance by Paul Robeson, noted Negro concert singer, reports "P.M."

The Washington Committee for Aid to China tried to lease the DAR's Constitutional Hall for a benefit performance by Robeson under the sponsorship of Mrs. Roosevelt and Chinese Ambassador Hu Shih, but was turned down.

When it recalled that a Negro quartet—known as the Golden Gate Quartet—had performed at the hall a few months ago, the management said that had been a mistake. Mrs. Roosevelt resigned from the DAR two or three years ago after the organization had refused to let Marion Anderson, another famed Negro singer, appear there. The re-committee said that the DAR hall was available for the date, but they were told turnover of 75,000 people to hear the policy of barring the hall to Miss Anderson sang from the steps. Negro artists had not been changed of Lincoln.

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1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.
 1.45 Dance Music.
 2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.
 6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

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 7.00 London Relay—The News.
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7.30 Tchaikovsky—"Casse Noisette" Suite, Op. 71A.
 Miniature Overture—March—Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy; Russian Dance—Arab Dance—Chinese Dance—Dance of the Flutes Waltz of the Flowers....Philadelphia Orchestra cond. by Leopold Stokowski.

7.53 Two Short Piano Pieces played by Walter Gieseking.
 Serenade Op. 17, No. 2 (R. Strauss); Reverie (Debussy).

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.
 8.02 Verdi's "La Traviata" Act II. With Lionello Cecil, Mercedes Capris, Ida Conti, Carlo Galoffi, Baccaloni, Villa, Nessi, Boracchi and Full Chorus of La Scala, Milan, with Orchestra.

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.
 9.15 Studio—"Why not 'Middle-Brow'?"

Talk by Dr. William Lovelock of the Trinity College of Music, illustrated by Gramophone records.
 9.45-10.00 News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 Songs by Josephine Baker and Frank Crumit.
 Antonio Pasquale Ramon (Crumit); Whip me up in my tarpaulin jacket (Whyte and others)....Frank Crumit (Tenor) with Guitar; La Petite Tonkinoise (Christine and others); Josephine Baker; J'ai Deux Amours (Koger and others); Josephine Baker and Adrien Lamy with Melodie Jazz du Casino de Paris; No News....Frank Crumit.

10.00 London Relay—O. M. Green's Newsletter.
 10.15 Dance Music.
 11.00 Close Down.

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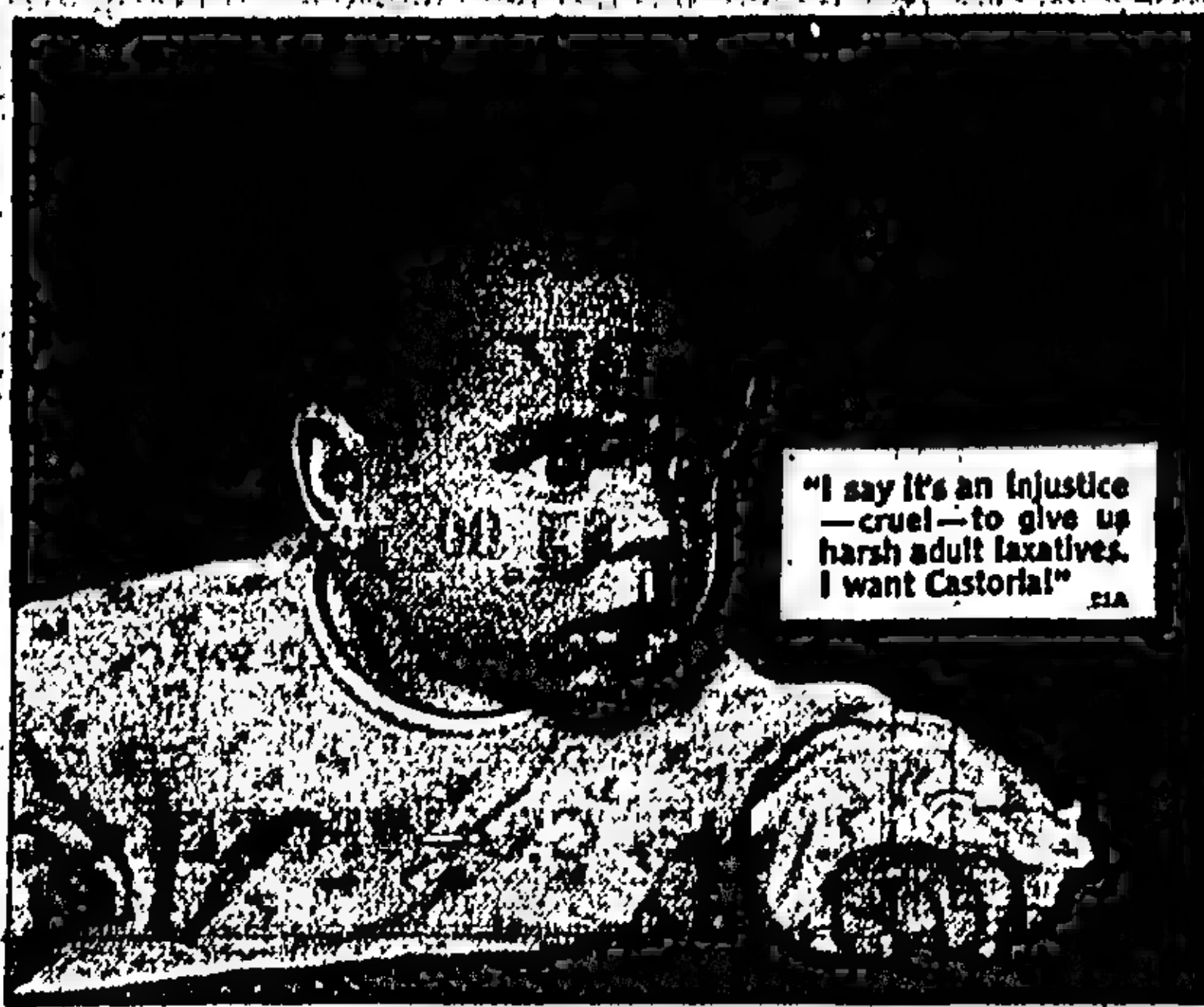
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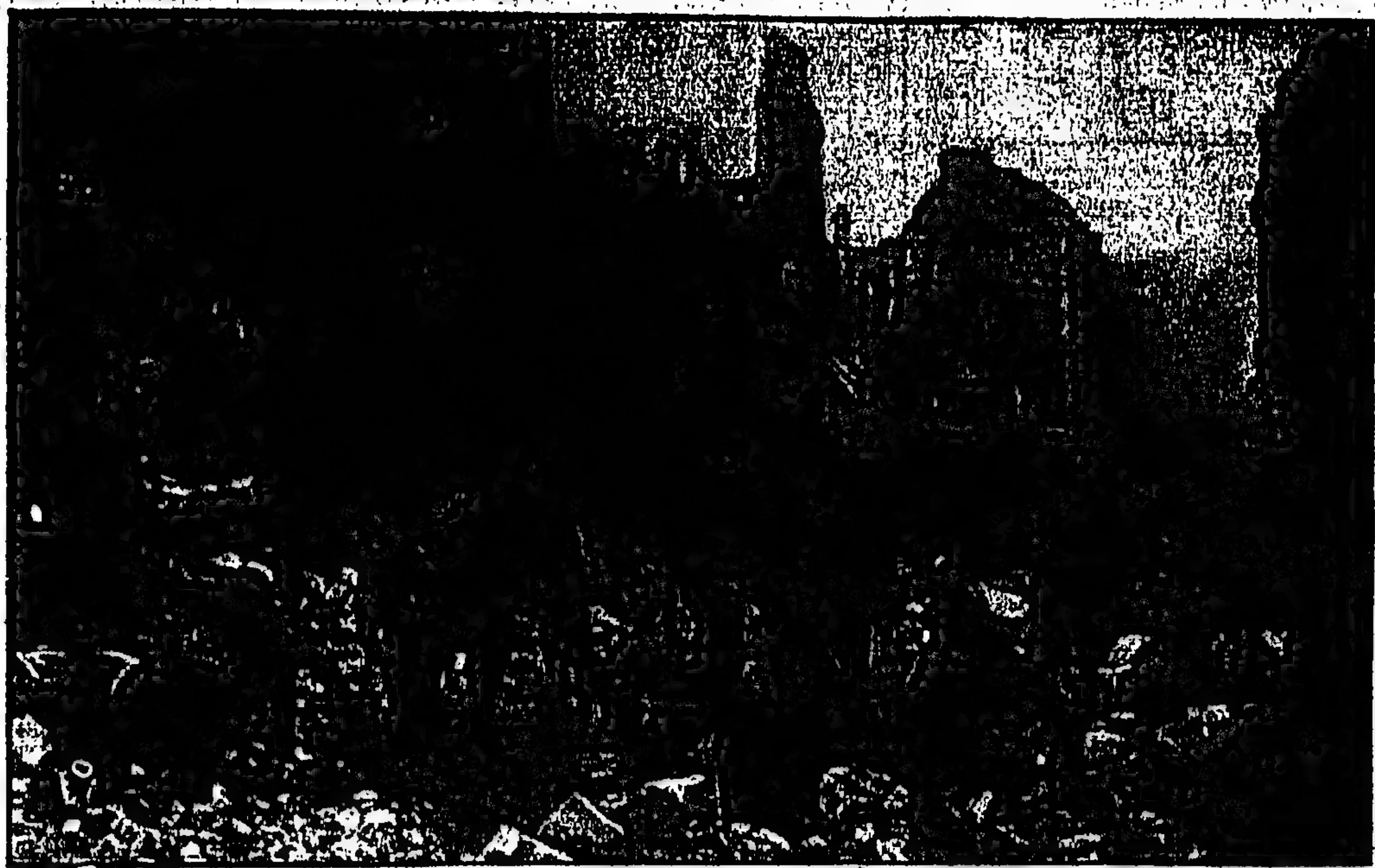
AIR STRENGTH

A feeling is growing amongst Britons and their allies that in the not very distant future Britain will virtually hold command of the skies in Europe. There are reasons for this conviction. In the first place our fighter pilots months ago swept the Luftwaffe out of the air during the daytime, more recently the same men have dealt crippling blows to the German night raiders; and simultaneously British day and night bombers have wrought increasing destruction to vital Nazi centres both within the Reich and in occupied territories at comparatively small cost. These factors add up to one conclusion: that German air might, terrifying two years ago is being conquered.

There is another consideration of profound importance. Through her own factories, and with the assistance of the United States, Britain is now amassing an air fleet which, in six months from now, should at least be on quantitative parity with Germany, and in quality, far ahead of Goering's air armada. Even as long ago as March, one London paper was authoritatively reporting that Britain was now turning out 3,500 planes a month and that she boasts aerial reserves so substantial that she could afford to engage the full might of the Luftwaffe day after day for months without breaking down. This statement may not give a strictly true picture of the position, inasmuch as those tremendous reserves must include planes which at this moment are regarded as out-moded. But the same argument holds good for the much vaunted might of the German air force. Indeed there has been a lot of nonsense written and spoken about the quantitative strength of the Nazi air force. As the aeronautical correspondent of the "Times" pointed out recently: The surest guide to the number of aircraft quartered within striking distance of Britain is the scale of attack which the enemy has maintained against it. It is doubtful whether more than 500 machines have been employed even in the heaviest night raids, while usually the total has been considerably lower. After making all due allowances for any limitations which the weather may have imposed, that number suggests that the total German air strength in Northern France and the Low Countries is not much, if anything, more than 4,000. A fair estimate of the total of fighters and bombers would be somewhere about 8,000.

With the U.S. and British productive capacity approaching peak point, there is every expectation that within a few

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Soldiers are helping Pioneer Corps men in the great clean-up of bomb debris in London's devastated streets. Work is progressing satisfactorily. Picture shows a typical scene.

If Japan Moves In the Pacific...

A WORLD-WIDE empire such as the British Commonwealth of Nations, a great continental nation such as the United States, with maritime frontiers on the two chief oceans of the world, must each keep a watchful eye on the affairs of the Orient as well as those of the Occident.

When the so-called Tripartite Agreement between Germany, Italy and Japan was announced, it was plain that in the sphere of world strategy its value, either to the two European partners or for Japan, lay largely in its future possibilities rather than in any chance immediate and fruitful military or naval co-operation.

THE position of Japan as regards her two allies was entirely isolated so long as Britain held fast the gateways of the Eastern Mediterranean at Suez and Aden and the gateway between the Indian Ocean and the South China sea at Singapore. Japan could not hope, in any Far-Eastern enterprise of her own, to receive any direct help from Germany or Italy, but only such indirect help as might accrue from the British or other forces which might otherwise be employed to check Japanese aggression; or, as has happened, political pressure on France to facilitate Japan's advance in French Indo-China.

Since that time, from the Japanese point of view, the situation has become less favourable. The Italian threat to the Suez-Aden gateways has vanished under the impact of the British offensive. The garrison of Singapore has been reinforced.

The Japanese objective is necessarily the great fortress and naval base at Singapore. If Japan could gain this position she could dominate the Dutch East Indies, threaten India and Australia and would probably be able so to secure herself as

months we shall have topped the Nazi air strength, even allowing for increased losses as we intensify bombing attacks. Yesterday's cables concerning Rudolf Hess hinted that the No. 3 Nazi had reached a similar conclusion and that he realises that once this happens, it will be the beginning of the end for Germany in this struggle. Sea supremacy we already enjoy; with air supremacy as a support, Britain will be in a position to start that long-awaited offensive which will drive the Nazis from the western part of the European continent, and will bring about the final defeat of Hitlerism.

to make her ejection from the South China Sea a matter of long and terrible war, even if at some subsequent date the British and American peoples were prepared to undertake such a task.

WHILE Singapore remains in British hands it affords an opportunity for British or perhaps American naval forces to operate in the South China Sea, to cut off Japan from all trade with Europe, India and Africa, to deny her the chance of getting oil and other supplies from the Dutch East Indies, and eventually to defeat her by the pressure of a blockade which she is ill-fitted to endure after three and a half years of exhausting and unproductive war in China.

With Singapore in Japanese hands, Japan would be almost blockade proof and could not easily be attacked in any more direct fashion. Thus, Singapore is the key to the Far Eastern strategy, both of Japan and her possible opponents.

An overland approach to Singapore would necessitate the violation of Thai territory or the co-operation of that country. Even when the Japanese reached Bangkok they would still have 1,000 miles to go down the long narrow Malay Peninsula, against determined and ever-increasing opposition. This could not easily or quickly be overcome. They would have the advantage of the command of the sea and could use their fleet to support at least the left flank of their armies as well as to make landings on the Malay Peninsula; but they would have to establish air bases capable of covering those landings, and there is nothing on record about the Japanese Air Force so far which lends one to believe that it could hope to meet on equal terms the Royal Air Force or its Australian sister service, even though armed with not too modern planes, as is the case with most of the Far Eastern squadrons. A direct land or land-and-sea assault on Singapore does not, therefore, seem to be among present probabilities.

The Japanese might, however, think a better mode of approach would be the piecemeal conquest of certain islands of the Dutch East Indies, eventually neutralising Singapore by occupying the surrounding positions. Meanwhile, such operations might open up a route by which Japanese naval forces could penetrate the Bay of Bengal and the Indian Ocean. Were this to happen it would constitute a deadly threat not only to the British positions in the Far East but to the whole British war effort in the Mediterranean, which is largely de-

Major Fielding Eliot

Leading American military expert, here explains the possible moves in the Far Eastern situation, of which Britain's great naval base, Singapore, is the key

pendent for supplies of munitions and reinforcements on such Indian Ocean sources as India, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Malaya itself. The domination of the Indian Ocean by the Japanese Navy would, therefore, be a most serious matter.

BUT first of all, key positions in the Dutch East Indies would have to be secured. The Dutch army in these islands consists of some 85,000 men (of which perhaps a third are Europeans). There is an air force of 400-500 aircraft, many of them American planes of the latest design. The Dutch Fleet includes three, or four light cruisers, eight destroyers, perhaps 20 submarines and a good many light craft. For the Japanese to venture down amongst the innumerable islands of the Archipelago would entail, therefore, very considerable risks.

THESE risks become still greater when we consider the forces and bases available to Japan. Even allowing for their complete possession of Indo-China—which they have by no means achieved—their forces in Indo-China, Hainan and South China are connected only by sea with their main forces in Japan and the Yangtze Valley. Between stands the British base at Hongkong, stoutly fortified and capable of a protracted defence; capable also of supporting a considerable naval force. Opposite Hongkong, on the eastern side of the 600-mile channel into the South China Sea, is the United States base of Manila, which now contains three cruisers, 13 destroyers, 18 or more submarines and two squadrons of long-range flying boats.

If Hongkong held a comparable British force and United States-British co-operation were assured, Japan would never dare any enterprise in the South China Sea until these two advance bases had been reduced. Hongkong has a substantial garrison also and there is an American regular force in and

around Manila—plus the native levies for what they are worth. To reduce either or both would be a long, hard job.

IF the Japanese tried to strike east of the Philippines they would be confronted with the Dutch advanced base at Amboina, backed up by Australia's fortified harbour of Port Darwin. It needs only a minimum of mobile forces—air and sea—to make such a move unattractive. If the Japanese had also to consider that time thus lost would enable the United States' Pacific Fleet to arrive from Pearl Harbour, even the most reckless Japanese militarist could not but shrink from the prospect of so many hard knocks with so little chance of halfpence.

There is a tendency to regard the Japanese as being over reckless. This ought to be corrected. They made one bad miscalculation in China, but that is no reason to anticipate that they will make another, and worse one. They have not failed to take note of the quiet conversations that have been proceeding in Washington and London. They will make all the progress they can by the time-honoured method of bluff and threat; but they will think a long time ere they commit the fate of their "New Order" to the unforeseeable chances of war with Britain and the Netherlands, and possible war with the United States as well. Even now, the rapid completion of the new British ships plus the changing situation in the Mediterranean—might at any moment permit of the appearance of strong British naval forces at Singapore; not strong enough to fight the Japanese Fleet in line of battle probably, but fully strong enough to make any move toward Singapore hazardous in the extreme. And at Pearl Harbour the American Pacific Fleet, far more powerful than that of Japan, lies quietly on the watch.

THESE are possibilities which will be well weighed at Tokyo. No Western mind can read the Oriental mind, but it seems a good guess that only a great German victory in Europe could encourage Japan to take the risks of a move on Singapore. That Japan will herself risk all she has won, and all she hopes to win, to contribute to that victory while as is still uncertain is a theory which Berlin would doubtless like to see accepted; but which there is nothing in Japanese history to support.—(M.I.)

6,000 Penny Dreadfuls For Nation

THE world's most complete private collection of Penny Dreadfuls, between 5,000 and 6,000 books, is being given to the British Museum.

It was owned by Barry O'no, the music hall artist, who died at Barnstable. He started collecting them 50 years ago.

Barry O'no, whose real name was V. Harrison, valued his collection at £8,000.

When he started collecting he bought the books up in "penny" paper in lots of a dozen each, and opened a flourishing lending library. Entrance was 6d., and there was a weekly subscription of one penny.

For a time he strayed from the collector's path. Wanting a cycle, he sold his collection for £24.

"They would be worth £200 today," he used to lament. But he carried on collecting later. Among Barry O'no's collection are some on "Sweeney Todd," "Black Bess," "The Knight of the Road," "The Skeleton Horseman," and "Spring-heeled Jack," the Terror of American regular forces in London.

"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

Good Dividends For Punters Last Saturday

Baffin Bay's Challenge To Australian Diamond Blocked On Straight

AT THE RELEASE of the tape Australian Diamond (H. S. Chang) forged ahead, and the "precious stone" was never headed again to win the main event, Beas River Paddocks Handicap, beating Baffin Bay (L. B. Chao) by a length and a half in a record time of two minutes 39.3/5 seconds for 1½ miles.

Field Glasses Needed By The Army

FURTHER to the recent appeal for Field Glasses for use by the Army in Hongkong, the Hongkong Jockey Club has circulated their members with a reminder of that appeal.

Members willing to assist may forward their glasses to the Secretary, Exchange Building, or they may deposit them at the Secretary's office on any race day.

The glasses loaned will be retained in the Colony and will be subsequently returned, except in cases where members state that the glasses are given outright.

Half-Yearly Meeting

The half-yearly General Meeting of voting members of the Jockey Club will be held at the Clubhouse, Happy Valley on Thursday, May 29, at 5.30 p.m.

Unrecorded Record For Blue Field

GALVESTON BAY (V. V. Needa) should have won the West River Handicap (second section) over a course from the two mile post, once round and in, but the jockey was late with his usual spectacular finish and the pony lost the first prize stake money to Blue Field by half length.

The latter's time over the distance was clocked in two minutes 9½ seconds, cutting Sam's Choice's figure by three-fifths of a second and it must, therefore, be a record. This was not, however, chalked on the blackboard.

Three-figure Dividend For Opening Event

LAST SATURDAY'S racing opened with a high explosive bomb in the inaugural event, Carpentaria Handicap, for "E" class Australian ponies, when Harmony Star with the owner (S. W. Lee)

With a scorching summer afternoon, which was enough to bake anything, the grass track was very firm and fast. The thud of the hoofs could not only be heard at a good distance, but dust was raised as the runners came down the straight.

It was told by the punters in the public enclosure that all the finishes were practically screened by the dust.

Baffin Bay Blocked

HOWEVER, I followed the race very closely with my glasses and I observed two important things. In the first place the jockey rode a smart and well-timed race on Australian Diamond, but I cannot help saying that Mr Chang owed his success to the fact that Baffin Bay was badly "sandwiched" in the home stretch.

After passing the 1½ mile post Australian Diamond was still in the lead, followed by Baffin Bay with Endeavour on his near side, and there were also Man-o-War and Viceroy.

Then came the vital point.

At the entrance of the straight Baffin Bay was in trouble on the rails running behind. The jockey attempted to come through, but he could not make any headway owing to the fact that Endeavour was still going strong.

As luck would have it, it was not until after passing the distance that Endeavour began to flag, but what was the use of the opening in the last hundred yards from the touch line. The combination tried very hard, but Australian Diamond crossed the wire first with a margin of one and a half lengths.

A Protest

IT was learned after the race that Viceroy was interfered with at the sharp bend and a protest was lodged against the pilot on Man-o-War for bumping. An enquiry was held, but the Stewards accepted Mr Tao's explanation.

However, it was Australian Diamond's first classic outing over a long journey, and the mare by Philenis took 2.39.3/5 to cover the distance.

Not only did the chestnut establish a new track figure for 1½ miles, but her time was two one-fifth seconds faster than the old record of 2.41.4/5 held by Fair View carrying 155 lb.

In the saddle crossed the line first and paid \$108.90 to the delight of 145 staunch supporters.

It was a struggle down the straight, but Mr Lee showed his superiority of pushing in the last fifty yards, and he secured the verdict by a short head.

I also noticed that Mr Lee rode his race from the back and should he continue to adopt this principle, he would very soon emerge from his novice class.

Afternoon Of Incidents: Record Sale For Pari-mutuel: Record Breaking Run By Australian Diamond

RACING AT HAPPY VALLEY last Saturday was of very high standard and so were the two big "pay outs" of over \$100 coupled with a daily double return of \$440.60 for the combination of Amber II/Dashing Beauty.

The classic event, Beas River Paddocks Handicap, over the Derby course was won by Australian Diamond ably ridden by Mr H. S. Chang in a record time of two minutes 39.3/5 seconds for one and a half miles, lowering United Express' figure by nine two-fifths seconds.

The sad disappointment of Viceroy in the big handicap contest, the crashing of a few hot favourites, a new record sale of tickets for win in the pari-mutuel department, and a protest lodged against Mr B. L. Tao's riding, bracketed with two minor accidents, were the other features of the meeting.

The arrival of Their Excellencies Sir Geoffrey Northcote and Commander Gabriel Maurice Teixeira before lunch was greeted with a few bars of God Save The King and the Portuguese National Anthem. It was learned on good authority that the Macao Governor was very much impressed with Hongkong's racing, and His Excellency followed every contest with keen interest.

Enclosures Packed

IT was undoubtedly a huge success from every point of view and the terraces in both enclosures were closely packed to its full capacity. The Chinese followers of the turf did not forget to bring their "fans" and I am afraid that the use of these winnowing-machines was in certain measures responsible for the "non-appearance" of hot favourites.

About a year ago elaborate alterations were carried out in the Members' Pari-Mutuel Hall to avoid the necessity of rubbing shoulders, but somehow or other it has not relieved the congestion. There have lately been a few complaints as to the difficulty of approaching the betting counters on account of the last minute rush.

It may be of interest to know that extensive alterations will be carried out immediately after the Whitcup Meeting. I have not seen the plans, but it is learned that the terrace in the Members' enclosure will be demolished and a new one erected with plenty of space below to accommodate the betting counters.

This will naturally provide plenty of room in the middle of the hall and punters will not have to fight their way to get a ticket.

Newmarket Racing

Favourite Wins Payne Stakes

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—The 11/8 favourite, Winter Halter, ridden by Harry Wraggs, won the Payne Stakes at Newmarket to-day. Hippus (6/1) and Planchado (5/2) were second and third.

Winter Halter won by three-quarters of a length, a neck separating second from third. Five ran.

Major Baseball

White Sox Overwhelm N.Y. Yankees

NEW YORK, May 15 (UP).—Chicago White Sox inflicted overwhelming defeat on New York Yankees to-day winning by 13-1. In the National League, New York Giants nosed out Chicago Cubs 2-1.

Scores were:

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	R	H	E
Chicago	13	14	0
Batteries: E. Smith, Tresh.	1	0	2
New York	1	0	2
Batteries: Bonham, Stancieu, Branch, Rosar.			
Detroit	10	18	1
Batteries: Newhouse, Tebbets.	7	0	0
Philadelphia	7	9	3
Batteries: Marchildon, C. Harris, Mayes.			
St. Louis	7	9	3
Batteries: Galehouse, Grube.	0	1	1
Washington	0	1	1
Batteries: Chase, Masterson, Anderson, Zuber, Early.			
Cleveland	0	11	0
Batteries: Milner, Heving, Feller, Desautels, Hensley.			
Boston	4	0	3
Batteries: Johnson, Fleming, Rube, Pytlak.			

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	R	H	E
New York	2	8	1
Batteries: Schumacher, Danning.	1	0	0
Chicago	1	0	0
Batteries: Fausch, Fausch.			

The Brooklyn-Pittsburgh game was postponed and the Cincinnati-Philadelphia match will be played later.

WORLD RECORD BILLIARDS BREAK BY WALTER LINDRUM

MELBOURNE, May 15 (Reuter).—Walter Lindrum broke his own world billiards record to-day, compiling a break of 3,735 against his brother Fred. The previous record was 3,381, also made against Fred Lindrum in July.

During 10 months of exhibition play Lindrum has raised £18,000 for war funds.

Billy Conn Becomes Heavyweight "White Hope" Colourful Boxing Career

IT WILL BE a great night for Irish-Americans when Billy Conn meets Joe Louis for the heavyweight boxing championship of the world. The fight is scheduled to take place in June but matchmaking in America is such a complex and tricky business that the date may be shifted backwards or forwards a month or more.

The fixture is also dependent on the Brown Bomber's ability to dispose of one or two other challengers, but no serious difficulty is anticipated here and the promoters are banking on the Louis-Conn match to provide boxing's battle of the year.

The event will be staged in an outdoor stadium to give the "gate" a fair chance of reaching the million-dollar mark.

The experts concede Conn no more than a slim chance of winning. They admit his cleverness and speed but consider that his punching is not heavy enough to take the Bomber. Their judgment is also influenced by the old boxing maxim that "a good big 'un will always beat a good little 'un."

Billy Conn is really a light-heavyweight whose best fighting weight is around 175 lbs. For the Louis match he may put on an extra ten pounds with the idea of increasing the devil of his punches, but the Bomber will weigh in at slightly more than 200 lbs. and a clear stone is a lot to give away to a man who has been undefeated world's champion for four years.

Curious Camp

William David Conn was born among the chimneys of East Liberty, a courtesy suburb of Pittsburgh—one of the smokiest towns in America—on October 8, 1917. That makes him 23 years of age, which gives him a four-year advantage over Louis.

His father emigrated to the United States from County Down. Normally he is a plumber by trade but since his son's rise to fame he has forgotten his tools and has taken over the jobs of corner-man, adviser, second, trainer, and general booster. He is an indispensable member of the Conn-clave, the curious group which has argued and wrangled its way from obscurity to fame.

After Billy Conn himself, the next most important member of the Conn-clave is Johnny Ray, his manager, an old-time boxer who "discovered" the youngster in a Pittsburgh gymnasium.

The story of their meeting is far from conventional. Billy Conn was by no means the earnest and persevering novice whose inherent skill at last caught the eye of a big noise in the boxing world. Johnny Ray was far from being a big noise in those days.

As a youngster, Billy Conn was just one of the ordinary tough kids that are produced by the thousand in America's big cities. He could fight (with bare fists) well enough to lick any other kid of his own age in the neighbourhood and this superiority had made him the leader of a group of youngsters whose chief function was to laugh at his wise-cracks.

Went To Jeer

When the attractions of the local poolroom palled, the Conn gang used to go upstairs, where there was a gymnasium for fighters. They didn't go to admire the noble sport or its exhibitors but mainly to jeer at the losers.

Eve of Folly's Unexpected Success

SIR VICTOR SASSOON'S Eve of Folly scored an unexpected success in the West River Handicap (first section) over a course from the two mile post, once round and in, and the jockey Mr Wood rode a clever race on the winner. The pony paid \$63.20 for a win.

Hopeful Star ran a good second and the grey should be watched in his next outing.

There was a keen tussle between Expansion Time (Black) and King Kong (Wei) for the lower position in the frame, but the two judges could not separate them, and a decision of dead heat was accepted without moan.

A Great Loss To Racing

Late Mr Eu Tong-sen's Career At Happy Valley

THE NEWS of Mr Eu Tong-sen's death deeply shocked the racing circles at Happy Valley. The passing of one of the main pillars of Hongkong's racing came as a big surprise, because a few of his string had taken part in last Saturday's meet.

The death of the Singapore millionaire is not only an irreparable loss to the Hongkong Jockey Club, but it leaves a gap almost impossible to bridge.

The late Mr Eu was one of those very few owners who could always take a beating with a smile. It is not possible to say at this juncture whether the famous crimson and yellow cap will ever be seen again on the programme.

First Venture

THE late Mr Eu entered the arena in 1935 with a string of seven animals and they were Diogenes, Plato, Rose-Ann, Rose-Queen, Rousseau, Soerates and Voltaire.

Like all other rich owners, his first ambition was "a go" at the Blue Riband and he missed the exclusive classic with his Rose-Queen by half length, ridden by Mr V. V. Needa.

The mare atoned for her failure by winning the St. George's Plate and in the following year Rose-Queen captured the Chater Cup with Mr Encarnacao in the saddle.

Space does not permit a list of all his successes, but in 1936 the late Mr Eu drew the best China pony subscription griffin, and Rose Evelyn with the Shanghai crack rider up gained an aggregate of \$5,406 with the inclusion of the Subscription Griffins' Challenge Cup, the Professional Griffins Cup, and the Subscription Griffins St. Leger. In the following seasons the mare won the Garrison Cup, the Royal Navy Cup and many other handicap events.

Though Desert Chief ran second to Silky Light in the 1938 Hongkong Derby, his Cameronian captured the Lusitano Cup, the American Cup and the St. George's Plate. Snelling Thru, a sub-griffin, annexed the Governor's Cup in the same year.

Best Season

THE best racing season to the millionaire was in 1939 when Rose Elect won the triple crown, the Maiden Stakes, the Hongkong Derby and the Champion Stakes. It was his first and only Blue Riband and Champion successes.

The two important classics, which the late Mr Eu failed to win, were

MONEY FLOWS FAST OVER BETTING COUNTER

AS PREDICTED, the best field was seen in the Walsend Handicap (second section) and there were 15 "C" class Australian ponies saddled for the mile run.

There was an extraordinary flow of money on this event and the public plunged an aggregate sum of \$51,795 (equivalent to 10,359 chances) on the 15 runners, which was a record sale for win.

The hot favourites were Anzac Day with 2,243 tickets, Cockleoi (1,511), Maple Star (1,208) and Twinkling Star (2,261), but Bendigo turned up to the disgust of punters. The chestnut paid \$75.80 to those 603 clever mathematicians who must have had a nice day.

The Hongkong St. Leger and the Double Ten Plate. He had, however, the distinction of seeing all his three candidates placed in the Turf Handicap on December 17, 1938, and they were Lucky (C. Encarnacao), Rose Jane (Poy) and Rose-Queen (S. W. Pan).

Dismal Meeting

RACING has always many thrills, but the most hectic one at the 1940 Annual Carnival was the break on the wheel, which neither Mr Charlie Encarnacao nor Mr "Billy" Poy could release, and the result was that the late Mr Eu went through the annual meeting without scoring a win.

One would hardly believe that out of 21 Australian and China ponies nominated for various events, Potentate ran a dead-heat with Expansion Time for a second place, while Rose Evelyn had a couple of placings. That was all for a long string and the stable earned a paltry sum of \$750.

The three Australian griffins ended the season with an aggregate of \$6,500, contributed by Electwins (\$4,200), Gloaming (\$1,750) and Gay For (\$650).

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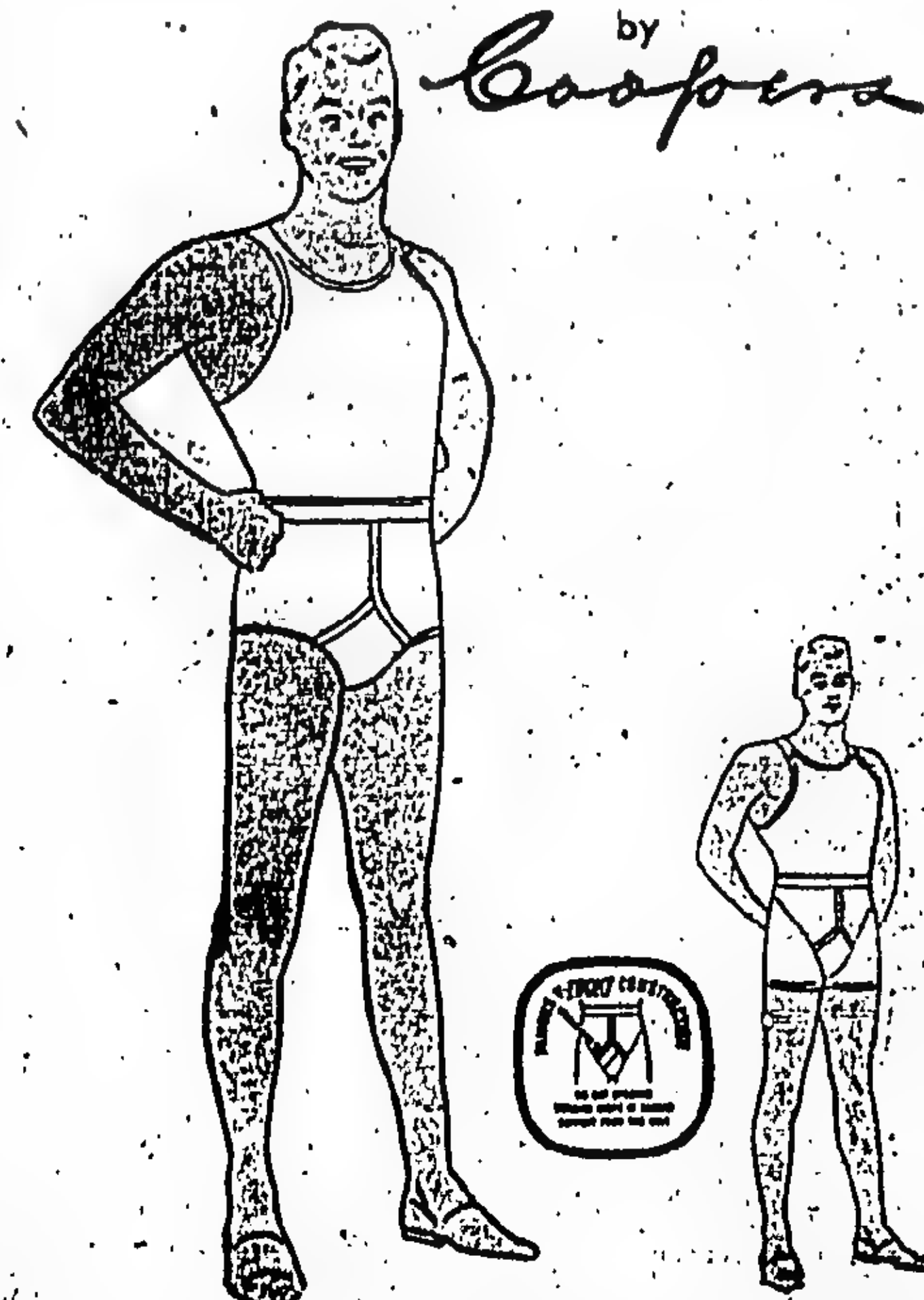


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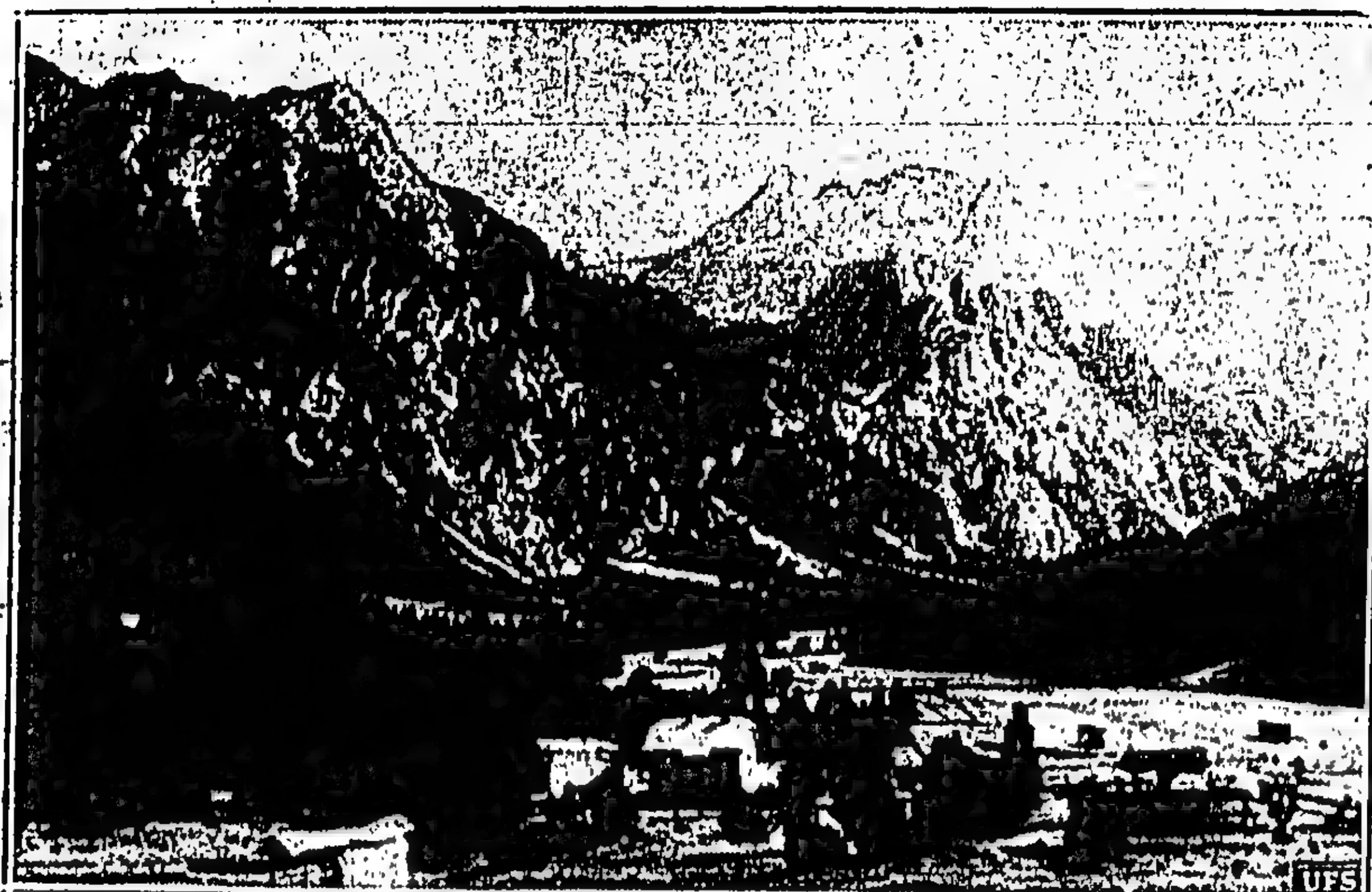
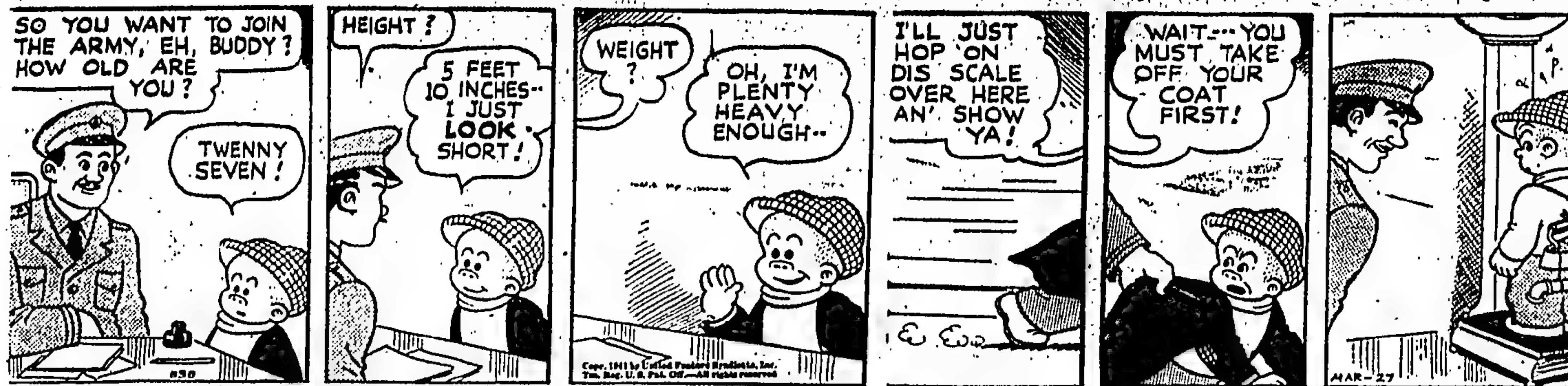
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Poorest Boy Has Chance Now To Enter Dartmouth Naval College

Scholarships to enable the pick of Britain's youth—from all classes of the community—to be trained at the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, were recently announced in Parliament. Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, said that in addition to the present system of entry, which would continue unaltered, thirty scholarships a year would be offered to candidates from grant-aided secondary schools.

The poorest parents, he said, would be relieved of all the boy's training expenses, including cost of uniform, clothing and travelling expenses and, if necessary, provision for the boy's maintenance during the holidays.

Ten scholarships will be granted at each entry, the first being in September.

In addition, further scholarships to a number of not more than ten on each occasion, will be given to boys not coming from grant-aided secondary schools and one to the son of a rating or ex-rating outside the open scholarships.

What It Costs

The fees for Dartmouth are £50 a term.

It is estimated that the parent has to pay a total of £840 up to the time the cadet becomes a midshipman, when he is expected to be self-supporting.

Naval M.P.s will urge the First Lord to grant midshipmen from secondary and private schools a subsistence allowance while at sea of at least £50 a year.

Mr. Alexander said that the Admiralty thought they could manage on their pay (5s. a day) if they were careful.

Naval men say this is not enough to allow a boy to pay his share towards mess and sports funds, and to cover shore leave expenses and the cost of holiday clothes.

Marx Brothers To Retire From Films

THE Marx brothers have announced in Hollywood that they are retiring after they finish making their present film. The brothers are Harpo, Groucho, and Chico.

After he retires, Harpo, "dumb" member of the Marx Brothers troupe for 20 years, expects to do much talking in a play for British war relief fund. He recently gave evidence at the trial of Joseph Schenck, film executive, on a tax evasion charge.

Asked by counsel, "Can you talk?" Harpo replied: "Oh, yes. I won £2,446 from Schenck. I held plenty aces."

Chico Marx intends to form a band. Groucho wants to be a writer.

Groucho Marx told Los Angeles reporters that he and his brothers thought the public had almost reached the point of being tired of their films.

"Our stuff is stale—and so are we," Groucho said.

Good Musicians

All the Marx brothers are splendid musicians. Their mother trained them from childhood for stage careers.

The brothers first appeared in vaudeville acts with their mother.

They had immediate success with their first film, "Cocoanuts," followed by "Horsefeathers," "Duck Soup," "A Night at the Opera," "A Day at the Races," and other hits.

Coca-Cola Versus Pepsi-Cola

The two leading heavyweights of the U.S. soft drink industry, Coca-Cola and Pepsi-Cola, will fight it out in court soon when a three-year-old monopoly action brought by Pepsi comes to trial, reports "P.M."

The suit is based on Pepsi's insistence that there is such a thing as a cola industry and that Coca seeks to monopolize it.

Pepsi-Cola, runner up to Coca-Cola, has applied to the court for an injunction against its competitor. It charges:

"That the Coca-Cola Co. buys out competitors."

"That it threatens law suits against retailers who try to sell other cola drinks when a coke is called for."

"That it threatens lawsuits against anyone who uses Cola (with a capital C) to advertise any cola drink other than Coca-Cola."

"That the Coca-Cola Co. tried and failed to buy out Pepsi-Cola and then tried to drive Pepsi out of business by instituting lawsuits in various states against retailers and charging them with substituting Pepsi for Coca-Cola."

"That the Coca-Cola Co. falsely asserted that the Pepsi trademark infringed on the Coca-Cola trademark."

Counter-Claim

In the Coca-Cola answer and counter-claim, it is said that the Coca-Cola Co. and its predecessors began business in 1886 and that they have spent \$60,000,000 in advertising to make the public conscious of the Coca-Cola name. And of course Coca-Cola doesn't like the familiar sound of the name Pepsi-Cola.

Coca-Cola points out, too, that the advertising colour scheme of Pepsi (red and white) is similar to Coca-Cola and charges that Pepsi has encouraged its dealers to sell its product as a substitute for "the pause that refreshes."

Canada's 40,000 Airmen

Canada, which had fewer than 5,000 airmen at the outset of the war, now has more than 40,000, Sir Herbert Ames asserted recently.

The veteran Member of the Canadian Parliament, in a prepared address for Boston University's Graduate School Alumni Association, listed the three tasks assigned to the Royal Canadian Air Force as its contribution in the war.

"First," he said, "it is to be used for home defence, second for overseas fighting, and finally for supplying instructors to train incoming cadets."

"Wrens" Serving In Malaya

A contingent of the Women's Royal Naval Service—popularly known as the "Wrens"—has arrived in Singapore.

The "Wrens" will be engaged on wireless duties and all have specialised technical knowledge.

The women looked very smart in their white duck uniform with its distinguishing blue and gold wireless crest on the collar, says the "Straits Times." The uniform is completed by a white panama hat.

English Goose Skins Make Powder Puffs

POWDER PUFFS made from English goose-skins instead of Polish and French; iodine from seaweed, which is also being used to replace potash fertilisers that used to come from Germany and Alsace-Lorraine—there are two examples showing how the war is causing Britain to make greater use of her own resources.

Old rural industries, indeed, are coming into their own again now that they are freed from foreign competition.

With the shortage of wood the Cornwell net makers have been busy making nets for the county's broccoli crop this year—in place of wooden containers.

Charcoal kilns of a modern type have revived charcoal burning. The product is used in munition making.

Baskets For Shells

Long neglected willow and osier beds have once more known the bill-hook this winter, for wicker baskets are no longer coming in from Holland. Wicker is being used for packing medical stores for the Army, and for shell containers.

Hoop-makers, who used to make wooden hoops for coppers, barrels, planters,

are rediscovering their craft now that iron can no longer be spared.

Clothes-peg makers are replacing German pegs.

Throughout the winter, woodlands all over Britain which for years have hardly known the foot of man, have resounded to the woodman's axe and the beat of the tractors as they draw logs away to sawmills.

Woods Alive Again

For now we must turn to our own timber resources, so long neglected. The woods are alive again, and chestnut trees are being converted into cleft chestnut piling.

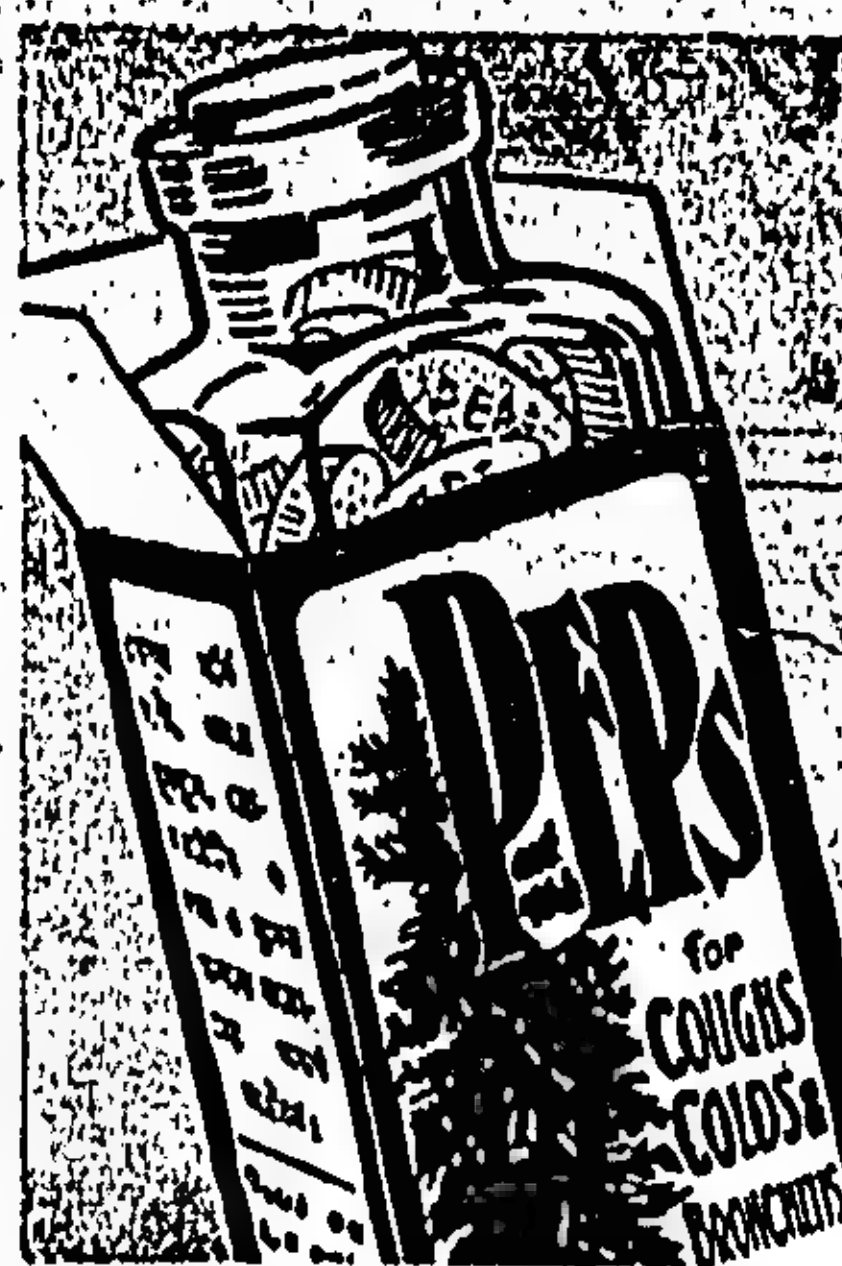
The demand for walking sticks, coming largely from military hospitals, has revived.

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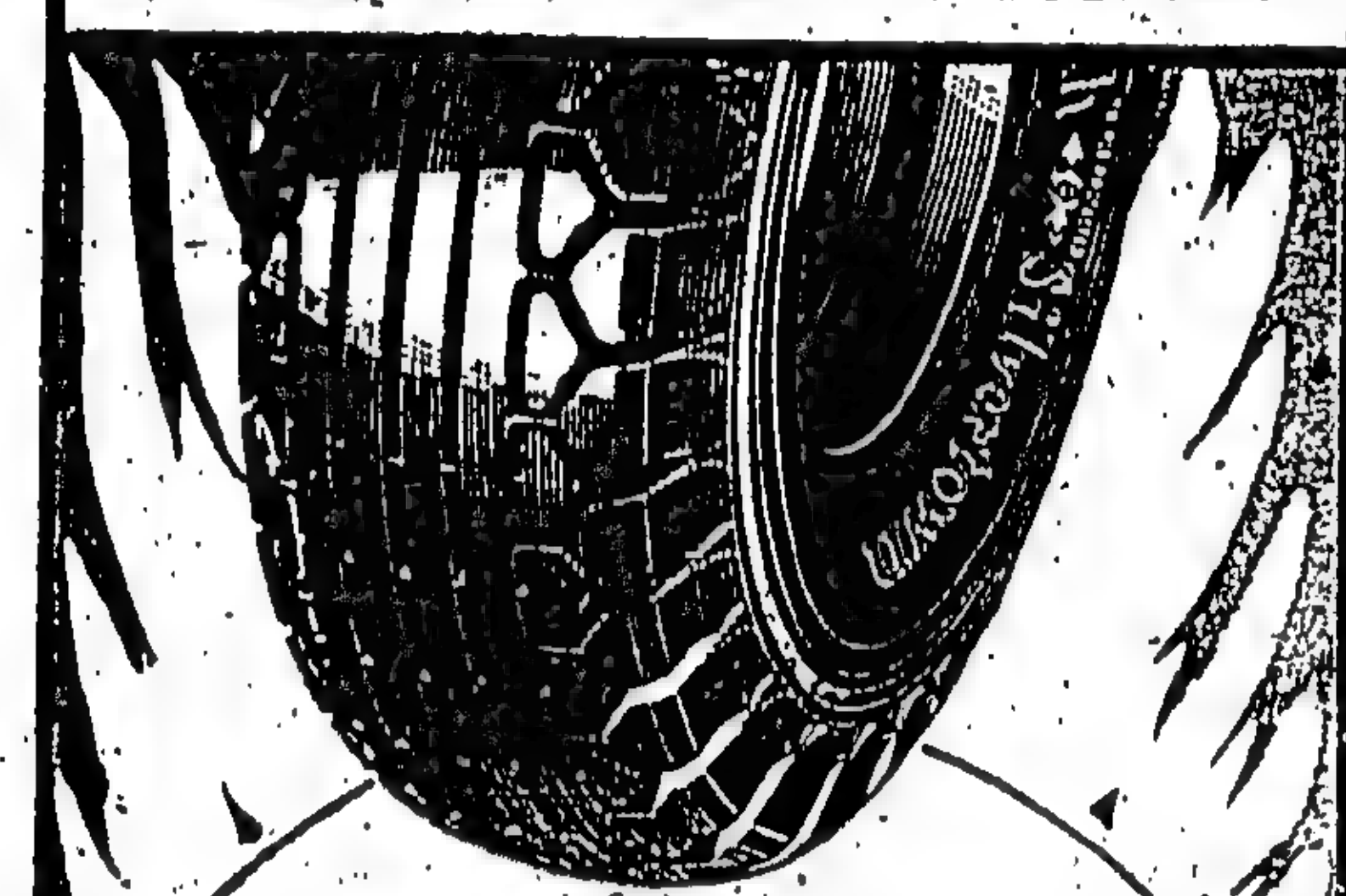


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Mr Bevin Describes Hess As Murderer

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Squads where members of the public will be able to view the plane.

S. African Comment

JOHANNESBURG, May 15 (Reuters).—South African newspapers generally agree that the flight of Hess shows a crack in the Nazi facade.

The "Cape Times" asks why Hitler has not published the documents that Hess is said to have left behind. The "Rand Daily Mail" states that the fact that Hess chose to be a prisoner of war in Britain rather than go to America via Portugal shows that the flight was a protest as well as an escape.

The pro-War Afrikaans paper "Sulderster" says that the flight is the beginning of an exodus of Nazi leaders who fear the wrath of the misguided German people as their hour of reckoning approaches.

No Hitler Statement

BERLIN, May 15 (UP).—Information made available to the foreign press to-day stated that Hitler does not intend to make a public statement regarding Rudolf Hess at the present, but it is admitted that the affair is a topic of greatest interest and discussion to the "man in the street."

"Nobody doubts that Hess was overcome due to idealistic reasons by a fixed idea that he could bring about peace after convincing England that a continuation of the war was senseless," was the official announcement.

American Comment

NEW YORK, May 15 (Reuters).—The "New York Times" yesterday declared: "Hess is good news for England. He is a sign that the enemy is more vulnerable than he appears on the battlefield. It is a sign that the formidable monster that terrorizes Europe is still abnormal and preposterous and marked for self-destruction. The escape of Hess worries Hitler and must spread and deepen the doubts that eat into secret Germany."

William Shirer, the C.B.S. broadcaster, said: "Hess fled because of the very fundamental split between the Nazi leaders. Hess always struck me as the most normal man in the whole Nazi Party. If he was not, why would he be allowed to make a public speech as late as May 15?"

Britain To Raid Nazi Bases In Syria

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any reliance in the Vichy Government, Mr. Eden said: "As regards these particular circumstances, I have made it plain that appropriate action is being taken."

Another Labour member, Mr. Cocks, interposed: "Is it not a fact that since the Vichy Government left the League of Nations, the mandate for Syria no longer exists?"

Mr. Eden replied: "I should like to have notice of that, but there is certainly force in Mr. Cocks' suggestion."

Vichy Knows Our Views

The Liberal National member, Sir Henry Morris-Jones, asked whether warning was given to the Vichy Government.

Mr. Eden stated: "The Vichy Government were fully aware of our attitude in the matter. Indeed, their own undertaking is sufficient indication of their obligations."

In reply to a query whether the American Government had been fully informed of this development, Mr. Eden said: "Yes, certainly."

ENEMY CONVOY SET ABLAZE

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merchant ship blew up and the destroyer was last seen with clouds of smoke pouring from its pilots' conning tower. It was not a smoke screen, the communiqué concluded.

London Quiet

LONDON, May 15 (Reuters).—London last night was quiet without an alert, and up to early Thursday no reports were made of raids in any other parts of the country.

Presumably the bad weather conditions on the Continent have restricted German air activity to small excursions around the British shores.

A few planes are believed to have crossed the coast at one or two points, but no bombs were dropped.



Mr Nelson T. Johnson, retiring United States Ambassador to China, photographed yesterday outside the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building after receiving press representatives at the American Consulate. Mr Johnson will meet his successor, Mr Clarence E. Gauss, in Hongkong before leaving for the United States. (Photo: New China Newsphoto).

Iraq Situation Soon Under Control

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ed by the fact that Raschid Ali paid four Iraqi generals £100 each, cash down, to lead the revolt.

The British employed every means to stop the revolt peacefully. The officer himself flew down the Euphrates Valley, dropping pamphlets. Nevertheless, he was fired on by isolated batches of rebels with machine-guns.

Unidentified Planes

He added: "During the last few days, I saw several unidentified aircraft flying over Iraq—probably German. They all seemed off very quickly on the approach of our aircraft."

"The Iraqis are tough soldiers but are easily influenced, and with the arrival of reinforcements from India, the position is rapidly easing."

The officer confirmed the reports of the arrival of a number of Nazi planes at Syrian airfields.

The British Imperial troops established in the Near East are confident of being able to handle the situation.

Routba Bombed

BEIRUT, May 15 (UP).—Radio Baghdad announced this evening that British planes raided Routba but were repulsed. One enemy plane was shot down in the south. The Iraqis claim that they still hold Routba.

Export Bill Passed

WASHINGTON, May 15 (UP).—The Senate to-day unanimously passed the Philippine export control bill which now goes to the House.

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U.S. Senate Approves Bill

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, May 15 (UP).—The Senate to-day, by a vote of 59-20, passed the bill authorizing President Roosevelt to requisition and use as he sees fit, 84 foreign ships which are immobilized in United States ports, including the French liner Normandie, and 28 Italian and two German vessels.

VICHY'S DECISION STUNS U. S.

Inconceivable Says Roosevelt

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, May 15 (UP).—In a statement issued to-day, President Roosevelt said that it was inconceivable that the French people could accept a collaboration agreement with Germany "which in reality implies their alliance with a Power which is seeking the utter destruction of liberty and the popular institutions everywhere."

After the conference, Mr. Hull and Mr. Welles stated that the United States policy towards the French people was based on the original Franco-German armistice terms.

President Roosevelt further said, "The people of the United States can hardly believe that the present Government of France could be brought to lend itself to a plan of voluntary alliance, implied or otherwise, which would apparently deliver up France and its Colonial Empire, including the African colonies and their Atlantic coast, with the menace which that involved for the peace and safety of the Western Hemisphere."

Appeal To Refugees

VICHY, May 15 (UP).—The Ministry of the Interior to-day published an appeal urging that families which picked up and helped

At the final stage of the debate, Senator Josh Lee urged the President to proclaim a war emergency and to use the navy and air force in the "most effective manner possible to guarantee the defence of the hemisphere." The bill now goes to the House for concurrence, with Senate amendments.

Senator Arthur Vandenberg in a speech on behalf of his defeated amendment contended that any transfer of Axis ships to the British would be a "provocative act of war."

Senator Walter George, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, asserted that the United States needs tonnage just as urgently as it there "had been a declaration of war between the United States and the Axis," and he said that United States ports would become stagnant unless the merchandise on the wharves was moved.

The Senate rejected Senator Vandenberg's and Senator Bennett Clark's amendment to the bill designed to prevent transfer of the seized ships from one belligerent to another belligerent flag.

Will Charter Ship

WASHINGTON, May 15 (UP).—The War Department stated to-day that negotiations are being completed to charter the liner Manhattan for army transport service.

The Manhattan is a sister ship to the Washington which is already in the transport service. She ran aground off the Florida coast and is now undergoing repairs and overhaul at Brooklyn. The army expects to end the negotiations by June 10.

It is understood that the Manhattan will sail during June en route to the Panama Canal and Honolulu, and then return to San Francisco for

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—Though unconfirmed, reports state that the German air force is installed in four Syrian bases, including the No. 1 airport of Rayak.

Reporting this, an American radio commentator, speaking from Ankara, added that the Germans are said to have landed 20 bombers four days ago and that this number is said to have been swelled by the arrival of new squadrons.

According to other reports, the Germans have succeeded in transporting by boat and are disembarking at Syrian ports a certain amount of war material, including tanks, but Germans in Ankara deny this.

A German Embassy spokesman said: "There is only one German soldier in Syria and he is the member of the German-Italian Armistice Commission."

London Premature?

Another Axis informant said: "London's decision to send the R.A.F. into action was premature because no German troops had reached Syria, although military preparations had been under way both in Syrian air bases and ports."

It is learned in Ankara, the commentator added, that a German-Italian Military Mission has arrived at the Iraqi capital and that German technicians are reported to be en route across Syria to Iraq.

Bombers and Troop Carriers

CAIRO, May 15 (Reuter).—German planes, which were previously reported to be flying across Syria, are stated authoritatively to have used aerodromes in Syria while en route to Iraq.

They appear to be mostly bombers but there may be one or two troop-carriers among them.

Rayak and Aleppo are among the aerodromes they are reported to have used.

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Britain To Raid Nazi Air Bases In Syria

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—An announcement that Britain will take action against German aircraft in Syria was made by Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, at question time in the House of Commons to-day.

The Foreign Secretary declared that detailed information at the Government's disposal showed that the French authorities in Syria are allowing German aircraft to use Syrian aerodromes as stage posts for the flight to Iraq. The British Government consequently had given full authority for action to be taken against these German aircraft on Syrian aerodromes. (Loud cheers).

French Responsibility
Mr. Eden continued: "The French Government cannot escape responsibility for this situation. Their action under German orders in permitting these flights is a clear breach of the Armistice terms and is inconsistent with the undertakings given by the French Government."

In reply to the Labour member, Mr. Emmanuel Shinwell, who asked whether we could no longer place

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ABYSSINIA SUCCESS

Amba Alagi Almost Surrounded

SIMLA, May 15 (Reuter).—Amba Alagi is now practically encircled by Indian, British, South African, Sudanese and Abyssinian troops, and its fall can only be a matter of days, states a cable received from an Indian Army official eye-witness in Abyssinia.

Indian troops, veterans of Keren, have executed a brilliant night operation against the enemy flank. Under cover of darkness, the Indians succeeded in silently occupying a ridge to the enemy's rear without arousing suspicion. They pushed on until they bumped into an enemy patrol and later they came into contact with a strong force of Italians.

Mountain Defences
In the fighting which followed, seven Italian officers and 100 other ranks were taken prisoner. (The Duke of Aosta, Viceroy of Abyssinia, and General Frasca, General Officer Commanding the remainder of the Italian Army in East Africa, who hurriedly escaped from Amara, are believed to have their headquarters on an 11,000-foot height at Amba Alagi. The height has been heavily shelled by artillery.)

Beirut, Latest Nazi Objective

Beirut, which is the port and chief military base for French forces in Syria, has become a new Nazi objective in Berlin's efforts to disrupt British influence in the Near East. Current reports say that German planes are landing at three Syrian aerodromes. This picture shows the port of Beirut, while winding in the foreground is the road southeast to Damascus. Beyond the crowded pines, olives and vineyards, lies Beirut, on the Mediterranean, reckoned to be a poor port.



"United Press" Reveals A New Theory About Hess

By WALLACE CARROLL

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, May 15 (UP).—Here is the story of Hess—as much of it as may now be told from official sources:

Several months ago, Hess began sending letters to the Duke of Hamilton. The contents of the letters have not been divulged but on the basis of British and German official statements and other information, Hess believed, or pretended to believe, that Hitler's Germany was invincible and if the war continued, Britain would be annihilated.

He believed, or pretended to believe, that Mr. Churchill, with a group around him were the only people in Britain who wanted to prolong the war. Then, as now, he hoped, or pretended to hope, that if he could personally establish contact with the few men of goodwill whom he already knew, including the Duke of Hamilton, it would be possible to overcome the influence of the Churchill group and establish peace between the "two great Germanic nations."

Subtle Plot?

Either Hess sincerely held to this belief and came to Britain as a self-appointed apostle of peace, or he merely pretended to hold them and came here as an agent in one of the most subtle plots ever conceived in Hitler's fertile mind.

There is not the slightest indication that the British or German Governments support the popular hypothesis that Hess came to Britain as a result of a split in the Nazi High Command.

In fact, the evidence produced so far shows that Hess is as passionately devoted to Hitler as ever. It is probably significant that he is being

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Smashing Blows At Enemy In Egypt

Special to the "Telegraph"

ON THE WESTERN DESERT, May 12 via Cairo May 15 (UP).—The biggest ground srafe that the R.A.F. has carried out against the German mechanised divisions since the Nazis pushed across Crete, culminated in an air blitz which began Monday at 2 p.m. and continued until 8 p.m. which smashed the enemy columns seeking to break through.

For the first time in the North African campaign, South African pilots were in action, going out every few minutes with Hurricanes, while British fighters were also continuously machine-gunning enemy tanks, new six wheeled armoured cars and other motor transport.

The columns advanced in four directions. Fortunately the British land concentrations checkmated the enemy's attempts at surprise.

H.Q. Communique

CAIRO, May 15 (UP).—To-day's General Headquarters communique states: "Libya: Our troops continued their vigorous patrolling

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Women For War Work

LONDON, May 15 (British Wireless).—Approximately 125,000 women, registered under the National Service scheme, are now due for interview, the Minister of Labour stated to-day in the House of Commons.

The number of women born in 1920 now registered, Mr. Bevin added, was 420,820, and 281,961 of those born in 1919 registered on May 3.

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Hemingway's Adventure With Chinese Soldiers

Recalling stories of remarkable exploits of war correspondents is the news, obtained from reliable Chinese quarters, of Mr. Ernest Hemingway's entry into Canton city under cover of darkness recently with Chinese forces.

Mr. Hemingway, who is now in Manila, arrived in Hongkong several weeks ago as roving correspondent and special writer for the New York evening paper, "P.M." He went from Hongkong to Shui-kwan by plane, and was conducted to different fronts of action by the Kwangtung military authorities.

It is reported that, one night, the famous author was given the opportunity of accompanying a Chinese unit into Canton city, where the soldiers

wrecked certain strategic works built by the Japanese.

The party is said to have travelled down the river by night in three junks. Arriving at a Canton suburb, they landed and proceeded with their task of destruction and got away safely just before dawn.

The success of the expedition is said to have greatly impressed Mr. Hemingway, and the news confirms reports that Japanese forces in occupied towns in China are in the habit of withdrawing to one or two safe points at night in order to avoid the depredations of Chinese guerrilla fighters, who are masters of the situation in the outlying areas.



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Croatia Proclaimed A Kingdom

ROME, May 16. (UP)—It is officially announced in a communiqué issued to-day that Croatia has been proclaimed a Kingdom, but it was not stated who would ascend the throne.

Emanuel As King?
It is generally believed that King Victor Emanuel will become King of Croatia and similarly King of Albania, although rumors are current that it might be the Prince of Piedmont or the Duke of Spoglio. It is also believed that Croatia will be given a port on the Adriatic Sea, and will also be a part of Italy's economic set-up with Dalmatia on the Adriatic.

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 - (b) Australian Ponies.
- 4.00—ALARM RACE
- 4.30—MUSICAL CHAIRS
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6.32 The New Light Symphony Orchestra with Raymond Newell (Baritone).

Parade of the Tin Soldiers (Jessel); Policeman's Holiday (Ewing); New Light Symphony Orchestra; Life's Great Sunset (Emmett Adams); For England (Brandon and Murray); Raymond Newell (Baritone) with instrumental accompaniment; "Jewels of the Madonna"—Intermezzo (Wolf-Ferrari); New Light Symphony Orchestra; Follow me home—A Barrack-Room Ballad (Kipling, Ward-Higgs); Raymond Newell (Baritone) with Orchestra; "The Dubarry"—Selection. New Light Symphony Orchestra.

7.15 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—"Questions of the House."

7.30 Tchaikovsky—"Casse Noisette" Suite, Op. 71A.

Miniature Overture—March—Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy; Russian Dance—Arab Dance—Chinese Dance—Dance of the Flutes Waltz of the Flowers. Philadelphia Orchestra conducted by Leopold Stokowski.

Two Short Piano Pieces played by Walter Gieseking.

Serenade Op. 17, No. 2 (R. Strauss); Reverie (Debussy).

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 Verdi's "La Traviata" Act II. With Lionello Cecil, Mercedes Capistr, Ida Conti, Carlo Galassi, Baccaloni, Villa, Nessi, Baracchi and Full Chorus of La Scala, Milan, with Orchestra.

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.15 Studio—"Why not 'Middle-Brow'?"

Talk by Dr. William Lovelock of the Trinity College of Music, illustrated by Gramophone records.

9.45-10.00 News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 Songs by Josephine Baker and Frank Crumit.

Antonio Pasquale Ramon (Crumit): Wrap me up in my tarpaulin jacket (Whyte and others); Frank Crumit (Tenor) with Guitar; La Petite Tonkinoise (Christine and others); Josephine Baker; J'ai Deux Amours (Koger and others); Josephine Baker and Adrien Lamy with Melodie Jazz du Casino de Paris; No News; Frank Crumit.

10.00 London Relay—O. M. Green's Newsletter.

10.15 Dance Music.

11.00 Close Down.

Mixed Golf Competition At Kowloon G.C.

A Mixed Competition has been arranged at the Kowloon Golf Club for Sunday, May 25. Singles will be played in the morning and foursomes in the afternoon. The following is the draw with starting times:
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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 10th day of May, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at North Point, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

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FANLING GOLF STARTING TIMES

Sunday
OLD COURSE
9.10 A. E. Lissaman, R. Forrest.
9.20 J. Hedman, C. G. Alkenhead.
9.30 Major Giles, R. Young.
9.40 Mr. W. Patterson, J. C. Taylor.
9.50 I. H. Goss, R. C. Calder.
10.00 L. A. R. Duncan, S. L. Lloyd.
10.10 J. L. MacIntyre, A. McCallar.
10.20 J. R. Woy, M. A. Cairns.
10.30 F. X. Lee, S. S. Church.
10.40 O. Baldwin, H. W. Beasley.
10.50 J. C. Mackenzie, C. Rose.
11.00 F. D. Hunter, J. A. Blackwood.
11.10 R. P. Morris, H. A. Mills.
11.20 J. Purves, C. M. Kerr.
11.30 C. M. Williams, P. E. Annis.
11.40 E. van Muijen, D. H. Hamilton.
11.50 H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.
NEW COURSE
9.40 Miss Dalchin, Miss Findlay.
10.00 A. C. I. Bowker, J. R. Collis.

Unmarried Girl Subject Of Case

Mr. G. T. Lowry at Central Magistrate's Court this morning remanded until May 21 at 11.30 a.m. Chan Yau, 52, widow, charged with taking an unmarried 15-year-old girl out of the possession of and against the will of the girl's mother. Defendant denied the charge. Det-Sgt. R. R. Sykes is in charge of the case.

Chinese War Bonds Campaign

As much as \$150,000 (Chinese currency) subscriptions to the N.C. \$1,200,000,000 Chinese Military Supply Bonds, were pledged yesterday by individuals and organisations yesterday when representatives of more than 300 local public bodies met at the Chinese Merchants Club, China Building, to discuss measures for boosting the sale of the bonds in Hongkong.

Mr. Lam Pui-sung, subscribed to \$20,000 worth of the Bonds, Mr. Fung Fook-shan \$10,000 and Mr. Luk Oi-wan \$5,000. The China Products Manufacturing and Marketing Association and the Hongkong-Kowloon Educational Federation, each subscribed \$50,000. The Chinese Manufacturers' Union \$10,000, and the Sun Sun Hotel \$5,000.

Chinese Christian leaders in Hongkong plan to launch a campaign for subscribing to \$1,000,000 worth of the Bonds. At a meeting yesterday they decided to start the campaign on June 1 and end it on August 31. More than \$200,000 worth of subscriptions were pledged during the meeting.

DREDGED FOR COAL

Kwok Shing, 54, junk master, and Kwok Kwai, 20, junk foki, at the Marine Court this morning were alleged to have dredged for coal at No. 18, Buoy (Admiralty Buoy) at 2.15 a.m. to-day.

Sergeant H. Smith of the Royal Naval Dockyard Police said that Indian Police Sergeant No. 154 saw a junk dredging alongside a Collier. There were 228 lbs. of coal aboard the junk and nets and a big pole were in use.

Defendants maintained that they got the coal whilst fishing for prawns and shrimps. They did not know they were close to the Collier.

Defendants were each fined \$10 or 10 days hard labour and an order was made for the coal to be confiscated and sent back to where it belonged.

Mrs Mackinlay Cautioned On Traffic Count

Mrs S. M. Mackinlay, wife of Mr. W. A. Mackinlay of Messrs Deacons, was summoned before Mr. H. C. Sheldon, J.C., at Central Magistrate's Court this morning for driving her car on the closed section of Peak Road on May 3 without a permit, and was cautioned.

Mr. Mackinlay appeared for his wife and pleaded guilty. He said he was not sure whether there was a notice at the entrance to that part of the road, stating that it was closed to traffic. His wife had not seen any such notice.

Traffic Sergeant Hunter said that there was a notice. He added that Mrs. Mackinlay had been driving in Hongkong since 1939 and had a good record except for one previous summons for a minor offence.

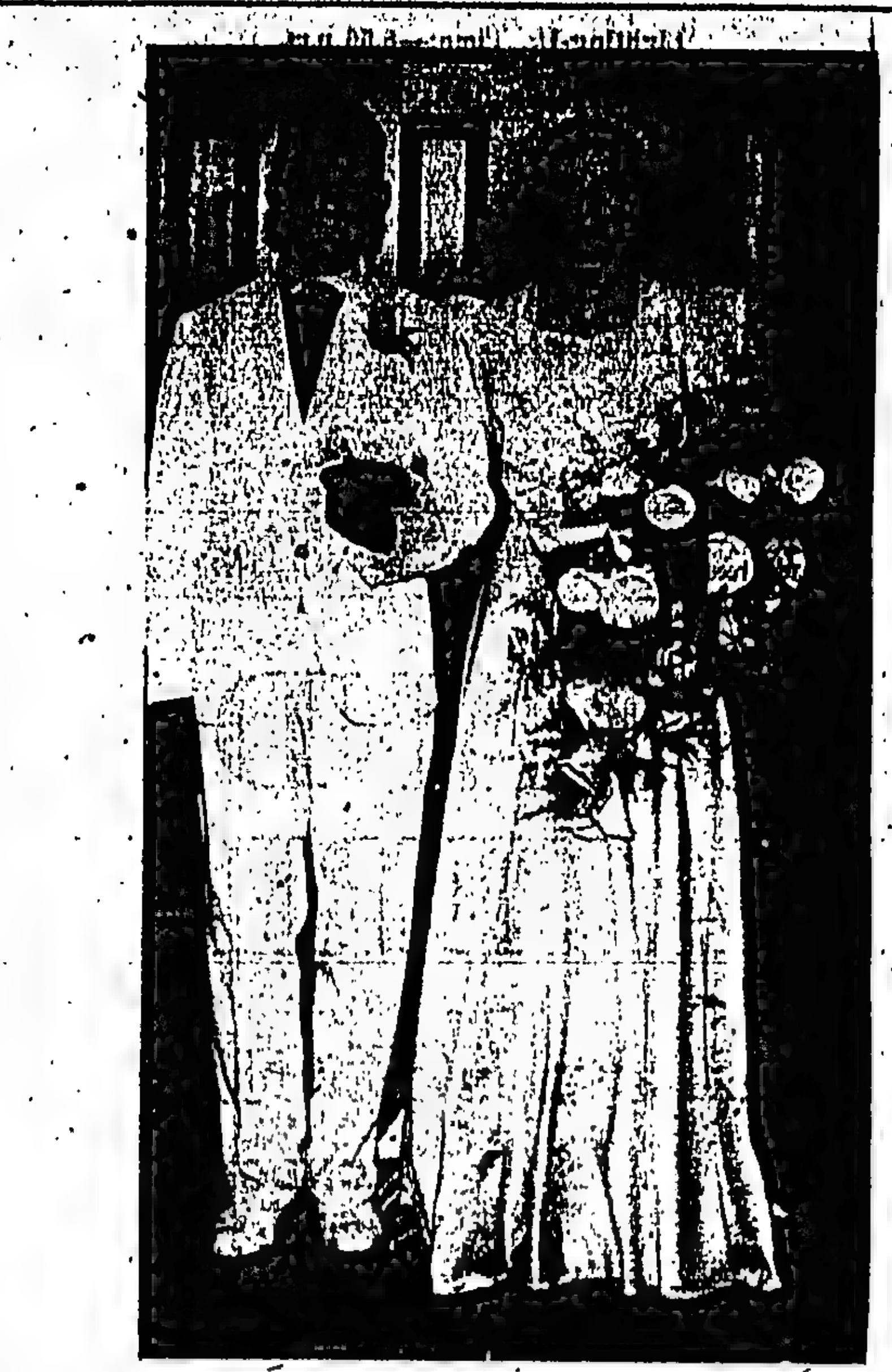
Wrong Side of Road

In the same court Mrs. K. T. Luke of No. 97 Hill Road, third floor, West Point, was cautioned for failing to stop her car on the left side of Queen's Road, Central, on May 5.

Speeding

Pleading guilty to speeding, E. J. Clegg, of the Government Auditors Department, was fined \$15 by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning.

Traffic Sub-Inspector Brittain said that Defendant was driving a car along Tai Po Road, Kowloon, on April 22 at a speed of about 30 miles per hour, which was in excess of the speed limit.



The Rev. Charles Mehan Steel and his bride, the former Miss Eva Maynard, teacher, of Sheffield, England, who were married at the Methodist Church yesterday.—Ming Yuen.

Iraq Situation Rapidly Coming Under Control

(“Reuter's” Special Correspondent)

CAIRO, May 15.—“The situation in Iraq is rapidly being got under control,” stated a British officer who has just flown back from Habbaniyah, and who was interviewed by “Reuter” exclusively this morning.

He continued: “The R.A.F., co-operating with the British Imperial forces, have now put out of action the Iraqi air force without having to use very devastating methods.

“The Iraqi army in isolated sections showed a spirited offensive but in the main were unprepared for major engagements and as soon as they were up against it they surrendered in large numbers.”

Propaganda

The rising was entirely influenced by the Nazi propaganda machine pouring untruths into the ears of the Arabs—the Baghdad radio spewing forth lies all day long and trying to invoke hatred of Britishers in the Near East.

Evidence of the subtle methods employed by the Germans is furnished by the fact that Raschid Ali paid four Iraqi generals £100 each, cash down, to lead the revolt.

The British employed every means to stop the revolt peacefully. The officer himself flew down the Euphrates Valley, dropping pamphlets. Nevertheless, he was fired on by isolated batches of rebels with machine-guns.

Unidentified Planes

He added: “During the last few days, I saw several unidentified aircraft flying over Iraq—probably German. They all seemed off very quickly on the approach of our aircraft.”

“The Iraqis are tough soldiers but are easily influenced, and with the arrival of reinforcements from India, the position is rapidly changing.”

The officer confirmed the reports of the arrival of a number of Nazi planes at Syrian airfields.

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GERMANS LAND BOMBERS

FROM PAGE ONE

Some of the machines are probably remaining in Syria.
Operations have been going on for three or four days.
Syria Landings

CAIRO, May 15 (Reuter).—A number of German planes with disguised markings have landed at three Syrian aerodromes, apparently en route to Iraq, it is reliably learned here.

The presence at Beirut of a high German personage, who is engaged in conversations with the Italian Ambassadeur, Commission and the French authorities, is reported by a traveller who has arrived here from Syria.

Two Axis Missions

CAIRO, May 15 (Reuter).—It is reported here from private sources that a certain number of German aircraft were recently landed at Rajak airbase in Syria.

Other information received here is that two Axis military missions are now in Baghdad, where they arrived a few days ago in planes which flew over Syrian territory.

The Italian mission consists of two Italian air generals and their staff. The German mission numbers 15. They arrived in two aeroplanes.

Appeal From Iraq

CAIRO, May 15 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that following an urgent appeal by Raschid Ali, a certain number of German aircraft have arrived at Iraq, bringing propagandists, agitators and other similar Axis specialists.

Assurance To Turkey

ANKARA, May 15 (UP).—According to a communiqué issued to-day, the Nazi Ambassador, Herr von Papen presented President Inonu with a personal letter from Hitler in the presence of Foreign Minister Surugcu. It is authoritatively stated that the letter assured the President of the friendly German intentions at length.

Dromes Taken Over

CAIRO, May 15 (UP).—It is unofficially but reliably reported that the aerodromes at Ryak and Aleppo in the interior of Syria are being used by the Germans.

French Garrison

(BY “REUTER'S” DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, May 15.—From a purely legal standpoint, French rights in Syria, which they held under a mandate from the League, lapsed the moment the French notified their withdrawal from the League of Nations.

Under the Covenant, no nation not a member of the League can hold a mandate except in very special circumstances, which have not arisen. Consequently any action taken by the British was theoretically not directed against the mandatory power.

The legal aspect, however, is less material than the military issues involved. There is still a French garrison valiantly estimated at between 30,000 and 60,000 men. A large number of these are colonial soldiers, the majority of the French troops having returned to France on the collapse of the French Government last June.

Trouble With Populace

The troops who remained are not France's best men and they have been having trouble with the local population. There have been strikes and riots in Damascus, Beirut, Hama and Hama and the authorities had to temporise in order not to precipitate trouble.

The situation is somewhat poisoned by the crisis in Iraq, whose Quisling government have some sympathisers in Beirut and Damascus, but, taken as a whole, the population is not ill-disposed towards Britain.

Although there are not many prepared aerodromes in Syria, the plateau on which Damascus is situated would afford numerous landing grounds and also admirable terrain for mechanised warfare.

Fly On To Iraq

CAIRO, May 15 (UP).—Well informed quarters to-day estimated that thirty German planes have proceeded to Iraq via the Syrian aerodromes. There were no German markings on the planes and they presumably landed in northern Iraq, perhaps Mosul.



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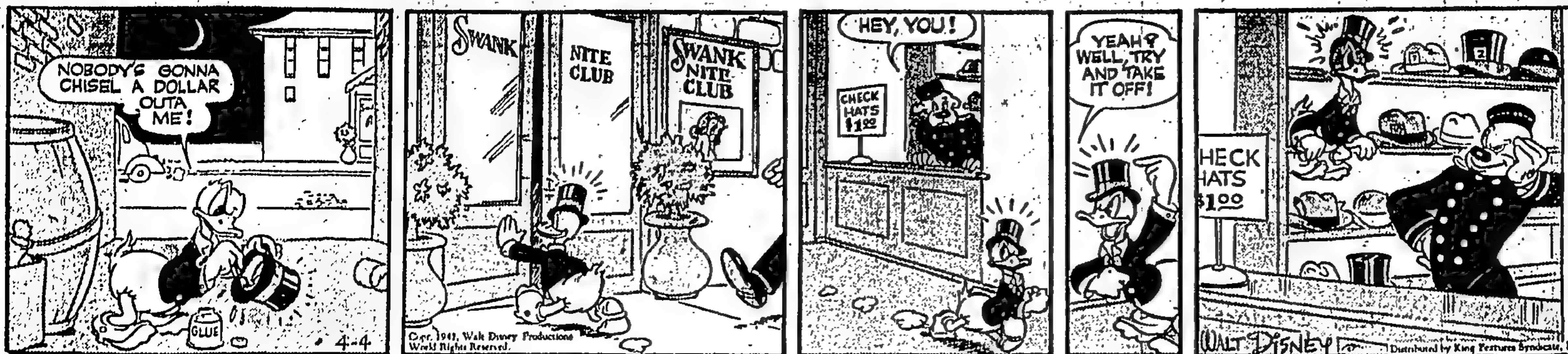
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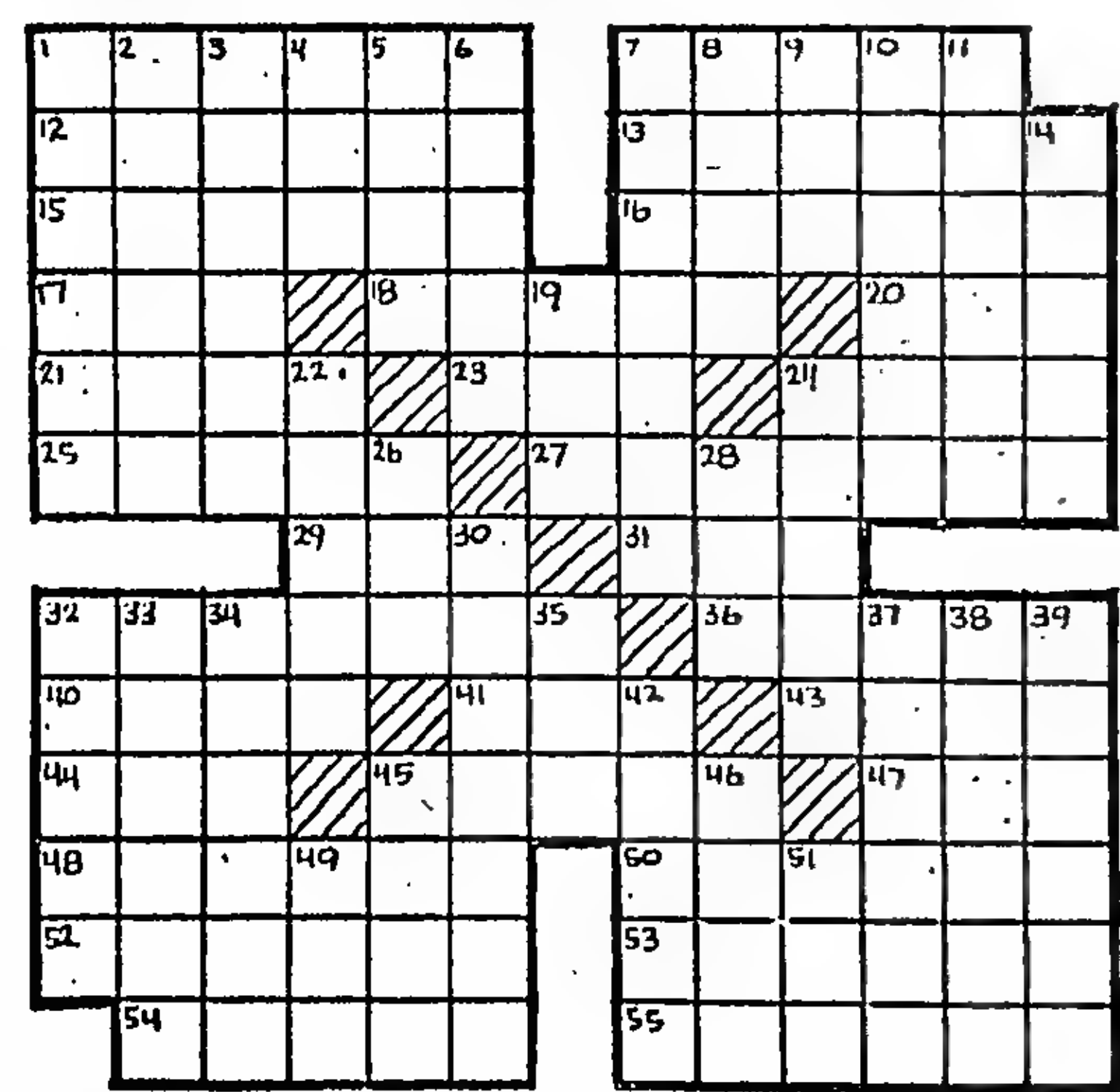
By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- Repeating
- Chilly
- Shred of lava
- Less rich
- Now again
- Half-brother
- Slitherer
- Bird's claw
- Decorative
- Expert aviators
- Living
- Breath
- Kind of element
- Shyness
- Rocky pinnacle
- To oneself (Latin)
- Properties
- Plus
- Doon
- Creek letter
- Drop slowly
- Hamlet
- Toy tables
- Exit
- Flubber
- Part of insect
- Abhor
- Injure extensively
- Plus in water
- Playing marbles

DOWN

- Reddish yellow
- Island (French)
- Intersect
- Pool lever
- Appropriately
- Amount (unit)
- Procured
- Eye disease
- Checking device
- Prepared
- Hit hard
- The Devil
- Series
- Defensive shell
- Answer is kind
- Relaxed
- Fruit
- Ball
- Non's landing place
- Optical illusion
- Town's points
- Extremes
- Writing table
- Starry growth
- Body of water
- Feas



Pétain Approves Principle Of Nazi-Vichy Agreement

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—Marshal Pétain, in a broadcast speech, referred to Admiral Darlan's secret talk with Hitler in Germany.

He said: "I have approved the principles of this meeting" and added: "This new meeting will enable us to see clearly the road into the future and to continue the talks begun with the German Government."

"Opinion that is apprehensive because it is misinformed no longer measures our chances and risks and judges our actions to-day."

"The question for you Frenchmen now is to follow me without reservation along the path of honour and national interest."

"We successfully complete the negotiations now in progress while maintaining the strictest discipline of"

Convoy Showdown Postponed

WASHINGTON, May 15 (UP).—The Senate showdown on the use of convoys was definitely postponed to-day when Senator Charles Tobey announced that he would not introduce his anti-convoys resolution as an amendment to the pending foreign ship regulation bill.

Senator Tobey indicated that he will probably await President Roosevelt's decision on May 27 before taking further action.

IN THE CENTRE OF VICHY IS A PLEASANT PARK, and sometimes in the early afternoon the old Marshal walks there, following a great circle from his hotel through the archway of chestnut trees past children romping beside the broad pathway and back again to his hotel doorway where helmeted soldiers stand rigidly at attention beneath the tricolour of France.

It is like a 20-minute tour of unoccupied France—this walk that Pétain takes on a sunny day. His step is steady and sedate; his bearing dignified and reassuring, with more than a touch of the old soldier despite his sober black topcoat and black hat.

He goes past the shop windows, where stocks are dwindling or blinds are drawn because there is no more to sell. He goes past handsome resort hotels, requisitioned by the government and turned into crowded offices, where soldiers with fixed bayonets guard the door. He goes past a line of men and women who stand for hours to get food tickets or to buy a quarter pound of goat cheese. He goes past a wall where some passerby at night has scrawled in chalk, "Vive De Gaulle." He goes through little knots of pedestrians who bow or lift their hats.

And at last he comes back to the doorway from which he started and—watching him receive the salute of his body-guard—you may get an idea of what is happening to France; of how this old man in a black hat has become the pivot around which a broken nation marks time in warring Europe.

FOR France—government and people—is marking time, waiting, helpless and hungry to see who will win the war. France is a land of refugees who circle from one consulate to another and then to the government offices, seeking escape from a belligerent continent. It is a land of defeated and apathetic people who must stand in line for food, for clothing, for fuel. It is a land in which national leadership shifts and circles to meet each change in the tide of a war that may bring still greater disaster. France is struggling only to survive until peace comes again.

One day in the crowded lobby of the Ambassadeurs Hotel a diplomat, whose English was faulty, referred to life in France as a "veechee circle," and it was such an apt description from any viewpoint that nobody asked him whether he meant a Vichy circle, a vicious circle or merely an unhappy pun.

You get off a crowded train from Spain after 40 hours without sleep and often without a seat, and Vichy looks like just what it once was—a quiet, sleepy watering place of 60,000 persons spread out in a valley in the mountains of middle France. But you quickly discover your mistake. The population is increased one-third, even after some 10,000 new arrivals were ordered to leave the temporary capital this winter because they had no satisfactory excuse for living there.

There are no taxis, and almost no automobiles except a few officials' cars, because of

FRANCE, Helpless and Hungry

Here is the first of two dispatches by the Foreign News Editor of the United Press on conditions in Unoccupied France, which he visited en route back to the United States after a stay in England. It presents a close-up of Vichy, the temporary capital, and discloses that France is waiting to see who wins the war. The second article will appear next Tuesday.

By JOE ALEX MORRIS

lack of gasoline; so you walk half a mile to your hotel.

"YOU were lucky to get a hotel room," friends tell you. "The government has taken over most of them."

Your hotel is a rambling resort place with paper-thin walls and big lounges filled with tea and bridge tables. Well-dressed, smart-looking men and women—the men are in a vast majority—crowd the lobbies at almost any hour of the afternoon or evening, repeating the latest gossip or relaying bits of news that never get into the closely-controlled newspapers. Between rumours they inspect every one, important and unimportant, who comes or goes.

A pot-bellied stove stands in the middle of the lobby, its smoke pipe cutting a black path across the luxurious decorations. Suddenly you realise that there is a coal shortage and that there won't be any heat in your room. Even the lobby is chilly, and woman at tea keep fur coats around their shoulders. Electric heaters are priceless treasures in Vichy.

In your room you find a sign on the bathroom door saying that there will be hot water on Tuesdays and Saturdays. On other days you may be able to persuade the chambermaid to bring a pitcher of lukewarm water for shaving. There is no soap, unless you brought your own, and even after you stand in line for soap tickets you get only a handful of brownish substance as a month's ration. If you want a suit cleaned you must wait 10 days, and if you want socks darned you must furnish your own needle and yarn.

YOU leave the hotel to meet your friends for dinner and are lost in a 90 percent black-out, which is partly precaution against air raids but is also due to the fuel shortage. You stumble down the middle of the street to another of the many resort hotels in the centre of Vichy. There was once a smart bar off the lobby, but now it is closed because the hotel has become the centre of the government. The old Marshal lives there and he ordered the bar closed.

There is a bar in the adjoining hotel—a 25-foot-square room partitioned off with beaverboard walls in one corner of the huge ballroom and lounge. There are scores of persons in the lounge but there is no music, because France is in mourning. Nor is there dancing anywhere in unoccupied France. You push close enough to the bar to order a Martini and discover that it is forbidden to serve cocktails or any mixture of liquors in France. You switch to Scotch and soda, and get only a wry smile from the bartender. The Scotch ran out long ago. "Anyway," he adds, "this is a non-alcoholic day."

You finally settle for a dry wine, and your friends arrive in good humour because, after inspecting the menus outside half a dozen restaurants, they have found a place where you can get an omelette. Omelette? you ask. How about a steak? It turns out that this is a meatless day. Your's lucky to get an omelette.

There is vegetable soup for dinner, an omelette, turnips, spinach and topinambour, which is like a Jerusalem artichoke. There are no potatoes this week, but for the first time in a month there is cheese. Fruit is plentiful, but the coffee is a mixture of grain and 30 percent coffee bean. The bread—normal ration is two inch-thick slices a day—is brown but good. Wine is mostly a local product and getting scarce. There is no butter or sugar.

You are still hungry when dinner is finished, and you can appreciate the irony of a wall sign that quotes a decree published in the official journal: "People of France! You must conserve. It is forbidden to abandon a piece of bread after having rendered it unfit for consumption by the mouth."—Copyright 1941 by United Press.

PACIFIC RAIDERS ROUTED

"All German raiders in the South Seas have been sunk or chased into hiding, according to reliable reports."

The Canadian Trade Commissioner in Australia, Col. L. Moore Cosgrove, said this when he arrived in Los Angeles from Australia.

"The naval authorities have not released any definite information about this," he said.

"But it is commonly known that bombers have been flying farther and farther on scouting flights to seek German ships."

The Australian Navy Minister, Mr. W. M. Hughes, would neither confirm nor deny Mr. Cosgrove's statement.

His only comment was that one judged the efficiency of a police force by the absence of crime, and the Navy and Air Force should similarly be judged by the fact that there had been a notable absence of sinkings and attacks by raiders on Pacific shipping in recent months.



The Rev. Vernon Stones and his bride, the former Miss Dorothy Ann White, nursing sister of Bradford, Yorkshire, who were married at the Methodist Church, yesterday.—Ming Yuen.

Axis In Knots Over Double Agreements

—Japan's Headache

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—The "Manchester Guardian," in a leader on May 14, said: "Life is difficult for Japan, who works so hard for peace. In order, as she said, to preserve peace in the Pacific, she made the Triple Pact of Berlin."

It meant that if the United States came into the war, both Japan and Axis would attack her, and in spite of evasions, it meant the same for Russia.

"Then Japan, looking hungrily southward towards the Dutch East Indies, decided that she must make sure of peace with Russia. So she made a new pact under which she and Russia declared that they would be neutral if either of them were attacked by a third Power."

"This looked very much like double-crossing Germany, but the Germans did not mind because at the moment their one idea is that Japan should quarrel as soon as possible with Britain and the United States."

Nazi-Soviet Side Clause

"But now word is reaching Japan that Germany and Russia may soon make a large agreement by which Russia will send supplies to Germany and Germany will give Russia a free hand in Asia—a free hand, when Russia has just bound herself not to 'inconspicuously' Japan!"

"The Japanese Army never trusts Russia and its paper, 'Kokumin,' is shocked at the report. It says that Japan could not sit 'with folded hands' if Russia thus re-asserted her freedom of action in the east. So freedom of action in the east, for two allies, old and new, are now double-crossing her. Each of the three trusts the others as far as she can see them and no farther."

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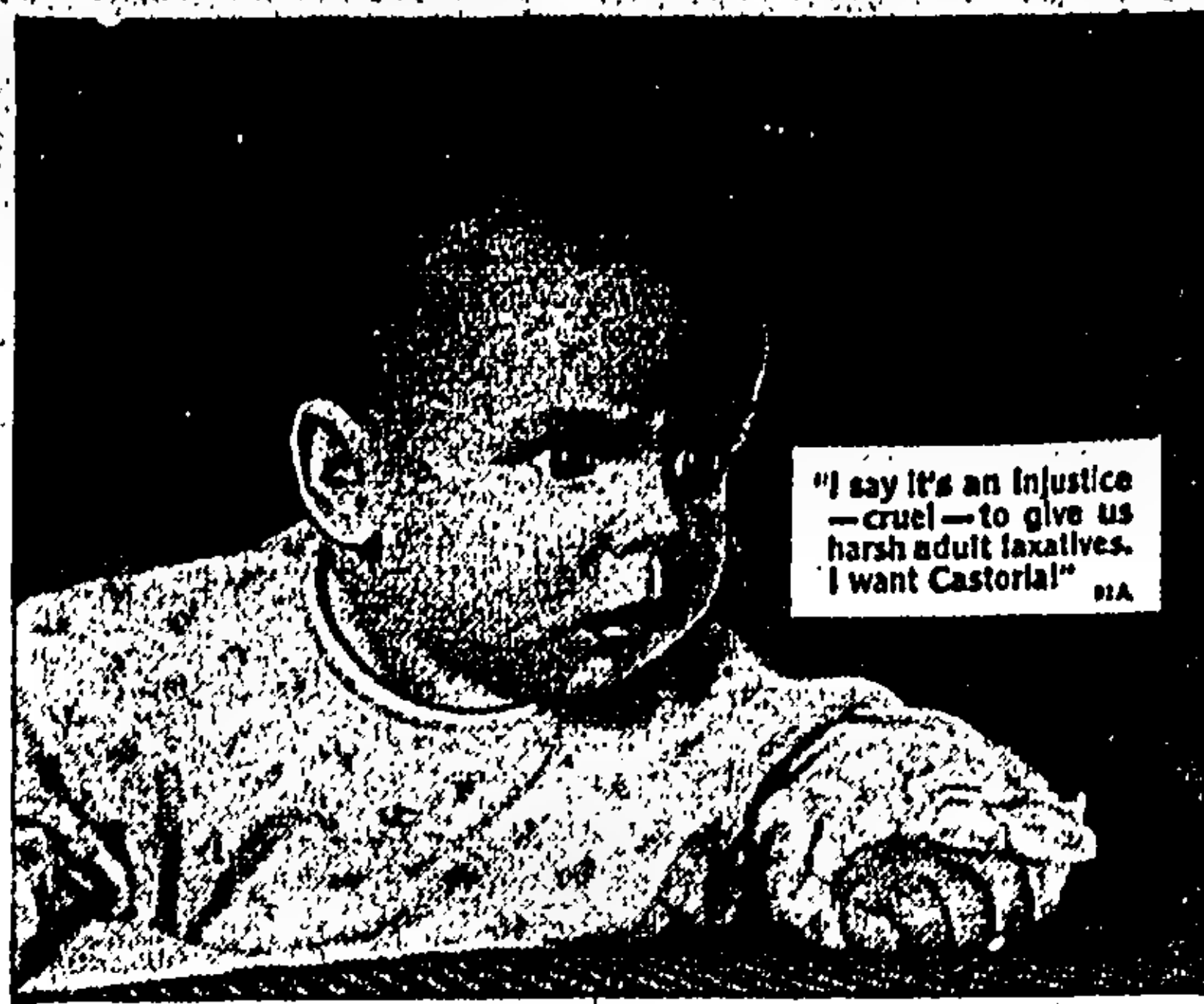
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AIR STRENGTH

A feeling is growing amongst Britons and their allies that in the not very distant future Britain will virtually hold command of the skies in Europe. There are reasons for this conviction. In the first place our fighter pilots months ago swept the Luftwaffe out of the air during the daytime, more recently the same men have dealt crippling blows to the German night raiders; and simultaneously British day and night bombers have wrought increasing destruction to vital Nazi centres both within the Reich and in occupied territories at comparatively small cost. These factors add up to one conclusion; that German air might, terrifying two years ago is being conquered.

There is another consideration of profound importance. Through her own factories, and with the assistance of the United States, Britain is now amassing an air fleet which, in six months from now, should at least be on quantitative parity with Germany, and in quality, far ahead of Goering's air armada. Even as long ago as March, one London paper was authoritatively reporting that Britain was now turning out 3,500 planes a month and that she boasts aerial reserves so substantial that she could afford to engage the full might of the Luftwaffe day after day for months without breaking down. This statement may not give a strictly true picture of the position, inasmuch as those tremendous reserves must include planes which at this moment are regarded as out-moded. But the same argument holds good for the much vaunted might of the German air force. Indeed there has been a lot of nonsense written and spoken about the quantitative strength of the Nazi air force. As the aeronautical correspondent of the "Times" pointed out recently: The surest guide to the number of aircraft quartered within striking distance of Britain is the scale of attack which the enemy has maintained against it. It is doubtful whether more than 500 machines have been employed even in the heaviest night raids, while usually the total has been considerably lower. After making all due allowances for any limitations which the weather may have imposed, that number suggests that the total German air strength in Northern France and the Low Countries is not much, if anything, more than 4,000. A fair estimate of the total of fighters and bombers would be somewhere about 8,000.

With the U.S. and British productive capacity approaching peak point, there is every expectation that within a few

CLEARING UP IN LONDON

Soldiers are helping Pioneer Corps men in the great clean-up of bomb debris in London's devastated streets. Work is progressing satisfactorily. Picture shows a typical scene.



If Japan Moves In the Pacific...

A WORLD-WIDE empire such as the British Commonwealth of Nations, a great continental nation such as the United States, with maritime frontiers on the two chief oceans of the world, must each keep a watchful eye on the affairs of the Orient as well as those of the Occident.

When the so-called Tripartite Agreement between Germany, Italy and Japan was announced, it was plain that in the sphere of world strategy its value, either to the two European partners or for Japan, lay largely in its future possibilities rather than in any chance immediate and fruitful military or naval co-operation.

THE position of Japan as regards her two allies was entirely isolated so long as Britain held fast the gateways of the Eastern Mediterranean at Suez and Aden and the gateway between the Indian Ocean and the South China sea at Singapore. Japan could not hope, in any Far Eastern enterprise of her own, to receive any direct help from Germany or Italy, but only such indirect help as might accrue from the British or other forces which might otherwise be employed to check Japanese aggression; or, as has happened, political pressure on France to facilitate Japan's advance in French Indo-China.

Since that time, from the Japanese point of view, the situation has become less favourable. The Italian threat to the Suez-Aden gateways has vanished under the impact of the British offensive. The garrison of Singapore has been reinforced.

The Japanese objective is necessarily the great fortress and naval base at Singapore. If Japan could gain this position she could dominate the Dutch East Indies, threaten India and Australia and would probably be able so to secure herself as

months we shall have topped the Nazi air strength, even allowing for increased losses as we intensify bombing attacks. Yesterday's cables concerning Rudolf Hess hinted that the No. 3 Nazi had reached a similar conclusion and that he realised that once this happens, it will be the beginning of the end for Germany in this struggle. Sea supremacy, we already enjoy; with air supremacy as a support, Britain will be in a position to start that long-awaited offensive which will drive the Nazis from the western part of the European continent, and will bring about the final defeat of Hitlerism.

to make her ejection from the South China Sea a matter of long and terrible war, even if at some subsequent date the British and American peoples were prepared to undertake such a task.

WHILE Singapore remains in British hands it affords an opportunity for British or perhaps American naval forces to operate in the South China Sea, to cut off Japan from all trade with Europe, India and Africa, to deny her the chance of getting oil and other supplies from the Dutch East Indies, and eventually to defeat her by the pressure of a blockade which she is ill-fitted to endure after three and a half years of exhausting and unproductive war in China.

With Singapore in Japanese hands, Japan would be almost blockade proof and could not easily be attacked in any more direct fashion. Thus, Singapore is the key to the Far Eastern strategy, both of Japan and her possible opponents.

An overland approach to Singapore would necessitate the violation of Thai territory or the co-operation of that country. Even when the Japanese reached Bangkok they would still have 1,000 miles to go down the long narrow Malay Peninsula, against determined and ever-increasing opposition. This could not easily or quickly be overcome. They would have the advantage of the command of the sea and could use their fleet to support at least the left flank of their armies as well as to make landings on the Malay Peninsula; but they would have to establish air bases capable of covering those landings, and there is nothing on record about the Japanese Air Force so far which leads one to believe that it could hope to meet on equal terms the Royal Air Force or its Australian sister service, even though armed with not too modern planes, as is the case with most of the Far Eastern squadrons. A direct land or land-and-sea assault on Singapore does not, therefore, seem to be among present probabilities.

The Japanese might, however, think a better mode of approach would be the piecemeal conquest of certain islands of the Dutch East Indies, eventually neutralising Singapore by occupying the surrounding positions. Meanwhile, such operations might open up a route by which Japanese naval forces could penetrate the Bay of Bengal and the Indian Ocean. Were this to happen it would constitute a deadly threat not only to the British positions in the Far East but to the whole British war effort in the Mediterranean, which is largely de-

Major Fielding Eliot

loading American military export, here explains the possible moves in the Far Eastern situation, of which Britain's great naval base, Singapore, is the key

pendent for supplies of munitions and reinforcements on such Indian Ocean sources as India, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Malaya itself. The domination of the Indian Ocean by the Japanese Navy would, therefore, be a most serious matter.

BUT first of all, key positions in the Dutch East Indies would have to be secured. The Dutch army in these islands consists of some 85,000 men (of which perhaps a third are Europeans). There is an air force of 400-500 aircraft, many of them American planes of the latest design. The Dutch Fleet includes three or four light cruisers, eight destroyers, perhaps 20 submarines and a good many light craft. For the Japanese to venture down amongst the innumerable islands of the Archipelago would entail, therefore, very considerable risks.

THESE risks become still greater when we consider the forces and bases available to Japan. Even allowing for their complete possession of Indo-China—which they have by no means achieved—their forces in Indo-China, Hainan and South China are connected only by sea with their main forces in Japan and the Yangtze Valley. Between stands the British base at Hongkong, stoutly fortified and capable of a protracted defence; capable also of supporting a considerable naval force. Opposite Hongkong, on the eastern side of the 600-mile channel into the South China Sea, is the United States base of Manila, which now contains three cruisers, 18 destroyers, 18 or more submarines and two squadrons of long-range flying boats.

If Hongkong held a comparable British force and United States-British co-operation were assured, Japan would never dare any enterprise in the South China Sea until these two advance bases had been reduced. Hongkong has a substantial garrison also and there is an American regular force in and

around Manila—plus the native levies for what they are worth. To reduce either or both would be a long, hard job.

IF the Japanese tried to strike east of the Philippines they would be confronted with the Dutch advanced base at Amboina, backed up by Australia's fortified harbour of Port Darwin. It needs only a minimum of mobile forces—air and sea—to make such a move unattractive. If the Japanese had also to consider that time thus lost would enable the United States' Pacific Fleet to arrive from Pearl Harbour, even the most reckless Japanese militarist could not but shrink from the prospect of so many hard knocks with so little chance of halpence.

There is a tendency to regard the Japanese as being over reckless. This ought to be corrected. They made one bad miscalculation in China, but that is no reason to anticipate that they will make another and worse one. They have not failed to take note of the quiet conversations that have been proceeding in Washington and London. They will make all the progress they can by the time-honoured method of bluff and threat; but they will think a long time ere they commit the fate of their "New Order" to the unforeseeable chances of war with Britain and the Netherlands, and possible war with the United States as well. Even now, the rapid completion of the new British ships plus the changing situation in the Mediterranean might at any moment permit of the appearance of strong British naval forces at Singapore: not strong enough to fight the Japanese Fleet in line of battle probably, but fully strong enough to make any move toward Singapore hazardous in the extreme. And at Pearl Harbour the American Pacific Fleet, far more powerful than that of Japan, lies quietly on the watch.

THESE possibilities which will be well weighed at Tokyo. No Western man can read the Oriental mind, but it seems a good guess that only a great German victory in Europe could encourage Japan to take the risks of a move on Singapore. That Japan will herself risk all she has won, and all she hopes win, to contribute to that victory while it is still uncertain is a theory which Berlin would doubtless like to see accepted, but which there is nothing in Japanese history to support.—(M.I.).

6,000 Penny Dreadfuls For Nation

THE world's most complete private collection of Penny Dreadfuls, between 5,000 and 6,000 books, is being given to the British Museum.

It was owned by Barry O'no, the music hall artist, who died at Barnstable. He started collecting them 50 years ago.

Barry O'no, whose real name was F. V. Harrison, valued his collection at £5,000.

When he started collecting he bound the books up in brown paper, in lots of a dozen each, and opened a flourishing lending library. Entrance was 6d., and there was a weekly subscription of one penny. For a time he stayed from the collector's path. Wanting a cycle, he sold his collection for £4,000 today, he used to lament. But he carried on collecting later. Among Barry O'no's collection are some on "Sweeney Todd," "Black Bess, or the Knight of the Road," "The Skeleton Horseman," and "Spring-heeled Jack, the Terror of London."

Mr Bevin Describes Deputy Fuehrer Hess as Murderer

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—The Minister of Labour, Mr Ernest Bevin, speaking in London to-day, said: "From my point of view, Hess is a murderer. You can understand my feelings about Hess when I tell you that he was the man who collected every index card of every Trade Union leader in Germany and social democrats, and when the time came they were either sent to concentration camps or were murdered."

"I do not believe that Hitler did not know that Hess was coming to England. For a good many years, I have had to deal with these totalitarian gentlemen and Communists, and I have seen this kind of stunt over and over again. I am not going to be deceived by any of them. Hess is not a man I would ever negotiate with."

Duke of Hamilton

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—The Duke of Hamilton, saw Rudolf Hess within 48 hours of his parachute descent in Scotland, it was revealed to-day.

The Duke was on duty at an R.A.F. aerodrome when, on official instruction, he flew to Glasgow and met Hess in the presence of representatives of both the Intelligence Service and the Foreign Office. Afterwards the Duke returned to his duties. Hess is stated to be in an isolated room with an officer in attendance and guards nearby. His condition is said to be improving rapidly.

Plane On Show

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—Rudolf Hess' plane is to be on show in Trafalgar Square as part of London's "War Weapons Week," during which it is hoped to raise at least half of the total subscribed by all provincial towns. To-morrow night, it will be housed in one of London's most historic buildings and on Saturday morning it will head a procession of National Savings cars and mobile cinema vans on "Constitution Hill."

Later it will be taken to Trafalgar Square where members of the public will be able to view the plane.

S. African Comment

JOHANNESBURG, May 15 (Reuter).—South African newspapers generally agree that the flight of Hess shows a crack in the Nazi facade.

The "Cape Times" asks why Hitler has not published the documents that Hess is said to have left behind. The "Rand Daily Mail" states that the fact that Hess chose to be a prisoner of war in Britain rather than go to America via Portugal shows that the flight was a protest as well as an escape.

The pro-War Afrikaans paper "Suiders" says that the flight is the beginning of an exodus of Nazi leaders who fear the wrath of the misgued German people as their hour of reckoning approaches.

No Hitler Statement

BERLIN, May 15 (UP).—Information made available to the foreign press to-day stated that Hitler does not intend to make a public statement regarding Rudolf Hess at the present, but it is admitted that the affair is a topic of greatest interest and discussion to the "man in the street."

"Nobody doubts that Hess was overcome due to idealistic reasons by a fixed idea that he could bring about peace after convincing England that a continuation of the war was senseless," was the official announcement.

American Comment

NEW YORK, May 15 (Reuter).—The "New York Times" yesterday declared: "Hess is good news for England. He is a sign that the enemy is more vulnerable than he appears on the battlefield. It is a sign that the formidable monster that terrorises Europe is still abnormal and preposterous and marked for self-destruction. The escape of Hess worries Hitler and must spread and deepen the doubts that eat into secret Germany."

William Shirer, the C.B.S. broadcaster, said: "Hess fled because of the very fundamental split between the Nazi leaders. Hess always struck me as the most normal man in the whole Nazi Party. If he was not, why would he be allowed to make a public speech as late as May 15?"

Nine junk masters were fined \$15 or 14 days' hard labour at the Marine Court this morning for anchoring their junks in Tytan Bay, a prohibited area. Lieut Brown on a naval auxiliary vessel, made the arrests.

Hitler's Possible Summer Programme

("Reuter's" Military Commentator)

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—The flight of Rudolf Hess to Britain is undoubtedly an event of the first importance and will have definitely favourable reactions on Britain's war effort, but whatever may be the real cause of his flight, it will have no effect on events which are immediately impending.

Hitler's plans for the coming campaign will not be altered or delayed; on the contrary, the flight of Hess is "likely to hasten their execution for Hitler may well feel the necessity of giving Germany something else to think about and to achieve a fresh triumph to hearten them."

Within a month, as I see the situation, Hitler will invade Spain, with or without France's consent, besiege Gibraltar and attempt to seize the Atlantic ports of Spain and Portugal. There will be an attack on Turkey coupled with an attack on Crete, and probably an invasion by air into Syria. There will be a threat, with perhaps 60 Divisions which are standing ready, on Russia.

If Hitler can possibly do it, his forces in Libya will be reinforced and the attack on Egypt pressed while the wars on Turkey and Syria are under way.

Focus On Vichy

It will be seen how much these plans centre round Vichy, to an even greater extent than they do round Russia. This fact will force brave decisions on the British War Council and equally on General de Gaulle.

Mr. Churchill displayed some resentment in a debate recently when charges of fighting a kid-glove war were made. Now he must give proof that Britain is not going to fight such a war.

Meanwhile, British strategy should be directed to meeting the Nazi threats not on the Continent of Europe, as has been the case to date, where the Germans can bring in overwhelming numbers, but in Africa and in Asia where the British Empire can redress the balance of numbers and even swing it to the Allied side.

Rescued From Desert Crash

Incident of Desert Warfare

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—Beside a wrecked plane stood a solitary figure while intensive fire from the fort of Rutbah and from an insurgent nest in the sand dunes, swept across the desert.

This was the scene that confronted a young Flying Officer who was making a lone bombing attack on the desert fort held for days by Iraqi rebels, says a report from R.A.F. headquarters in the Middle East to the Air Ministry.

The Flying Officer at once landed his plane as close to the wreck as possible. Then he recognised the figure standing near it as his Commanding Officer.

Effective Cross-Fire

The cross-fire from the rebels was 'intensive' and the rescue aircraft was hit several times.

An R.A.F. armoured car, commanded by another Squadron Leader, then drove up and positioned itself between the aircraft and the fort and returned the insurgents' fire.

The Squadron Leader was the only survivor of the wrecked aircraft and he was seriously wounded.

SECRET SUPPLIES SESSION

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).

The House of Commons will shortly hold a secret session to discuss the Ministry of Supply.

The Back Bench Labour member, Mr Aneurin Bevan, in the House this afternoon asserted that there was much public anxiety on the matter of supply and asked whether this would be allayed by a private session.

Mr Churchill declared that the Government would have welcomed a public session. He did not agree that there was so much anxiety and he hoped to show that great progress was being made, but anything more foolish than to give facts and figures in details in public, which would go to Lisbon and then to Germany, he could not imagine.

"We really must leave some work for the German Intelligence," he added amid laughter.

STOCK EXCHANGE

Investment Buying

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange to-day continued to be cheerful. Industrials were firm, especially breweries on fair investment buying.

Glit-edged stocks declined slightly at the start but closed steady. Oils tended to be easier. Coppers and tin were firmly held.

Foreign bonds were firm. Egyptian four per cent. were a pound higher at 75, and each 8 per cent. were three up at 37.

Wall Street was hesitant.

TIN COMMITTEE

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—The International Tin Committee did not issue a communiqué after its meeting yesterday, but it is understood that it drafted an agreement covering the proposed next restriction period beginning January, 1942, for presentation to the signatory governments.

The space for standard tonnage in the draft has been left blank as the governments have not yet decided about the matter of tonnages which the Committee recommended some weeks ago.

Exports To Russia Resumed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, May 15 (UP).—It is learned here to-day that the United States has resumed the exports of machinery to Russia and it is believed that the talks between the Secretary of State, Mr Cordell Hull, and the Soviet Ambassador, M. G. Litvinov, opened the way for the resumption of talks regarding Russo-American trade between M. Litvinov and Mr Sumner Welles, Under Secretary of State.

LONDON, May 15 (British Wireless).—The United States are sending to Britain a committee of American medical men to try and find out why the people have come through the winter's ordeals with better health than in the years of peace.

Breach Of Promise Case Judgment

Declaring that he had no hesitation in saying that he did not believe either Plaintiff or her witness on the main question involved, namely, whether a promise to marry within a reasonable time was ever made, the Puisne Judge, Mr Justice P. E. F. Cressall, in the Summary Court this morning, gave judgment for Defendant with costs in a claim for damages for an alleged breach of promise.

Plaintiff was a Shanghai Chinese cabaret-girl, Cheung Li-lam, of 1 Min Fat Street, first floor, Wongai-chong, and she claimed damages of \$1,000 from Chan Ah-ni, merchant, of 120 Wing Lok Street, first floor. In her statement of claim, Plaintiff alleged that on or about August, 1939, she and Defendant verbally agreed to marry one another within a reasonable time. Relying on this promise, Plaintiff, in or about September, 1940, allowed Defendant to seduce her whereby she became pregnant.

In February, 1941, the statement continued, Defendant, by letter from his solicitor, repudiated and determined the said agreement on his part and absolutely refused to be any longer bound thereby.

The defence was a denial that there had ever been a promise of marriage.

Mr M. A. da Silva was solicitor for Plaintiff, and Mr C. A. Sutherland Kuss appeared for Defendant.

Judgment

Mr Justice Cressall said: This is an action claiming the sum of \$1,000, as damages for a breach of a promise to marry.

In cases of this nature the cause of action is based on the general rule in the law of contract which stipulates that every agreement is manifestly impossible, made deliberately and seriously by persons capable of contracting and having a ground or reason which is not immoral or forbidden by law, may be enforced by action, although there may have been no consideration in the sense of English Law (Wood v. Wallach (1904), 1 S. 187-S.A.F.).

In order to succeed, however, a Plaintiff must show that not only did the Defendant promise to marry her, but that she promised to marry him; for in this, as in all other cases, a contract must be mutual. There is, of course, no necessity to prove the actual promise in words for the other party's acceptance of the offer may be inferred from the surrounding circumstances, as for example, the fact that the woman made no objection at the time of the offer, and that she permitted Defendant to visit her in the capacity of a suitor.

Corroboration

It is also necessary for the evidence, in support of the promise, to be corroborated by some other material evidence. This corroboration by itself does not go to the length of proving the promise, it will be sufficient if it supports plaintiff's evidence in respect of the promise, so as to make it appear reasonably probable that her testimony that the promise was given is true; and it need not necessarily be of facts subsequent to the engagement, but may consist of facts prior to it (Wilcox v. Gidley (1872) 28 L.T. 481).

These facts, the court considered, which must be applied to the evidence which has been adduced by the parties, and in my appreciation of the position there is only one question to be answered, namely, was a promise to marry ever made by the Defendant?

Relationship of Parties
It is clear from the evidence that an illicit relationship existed between Plaintiff and Defendant between the months of July and September, 1940, but intimacy between a man and his mistress (as Plaintiff undoubtedly was) is no evidence at all from which the court would be entitled to draw the conclusion that the relationship of engaged persons existed.

What, therefore, is the evidence of the actual promise itself? According to Plaintiff, Defendant, having been told by her that she was pregnant, told her to leave her bedroom into one night remarked: "I love you very much and if you have no objection I shall marry you," to which she replied to the effect that she did not trust him as she did not believe he would marry a mere dancing girl. Then, apparently, the defendant pulled her into an adjoining room where he asked a Mr Yim Fong whether he (Defendant) had a wife. On being answered in the negative, Defendant and his concubine returned to the bedroom where the following conversation is alleged to have taken place. Defendant: "Now, do you trust me?" Plaintiff: "Yes." Defendant: "I want to marry you." Plaintiff: "When will the wedding take place?" Defendant: "I must consult my brother before I can decide on the date." To this Plaintiff agreed. It appears that they slept together that night, but according to Plaintiff no intimacy took place; nor did anything improper take place on subsequent nights (according to her) until about 10 days later when she alleges the defendant told her, "Make your mind easy. I will certainly marry you."

A Conversation
Mr Yim Fong who was called by Plaintiff has stated that when Defendant brought the girl to his room he said inter alia, "Have I a wife?" to which the witness replied "No." The defendant then said, "I want to marry this girl. Can you verify 'have no wife'?" Witness thereupon told Plaintiff, "He (meaning Defendant) is a good boy and you should not hesitate in marrying him." It was stated that Yim Fong's wife was present and presumably heard this conversation, but she had not been called as a witness.

Defendant strenuously denies that he ever mentioned the word "marriage" and insists that his relations with Plaintiff were those of a man with an "amateur prostitute," whatever that expression may mean.

He declares that he paid for his pleasure and that he knew nothing of any alleged promise to marry until he received a letter from her solicitor in February, 1941. It is always difficult in cases of this nature to separate truth from fiction, for more often than not, the case devolves itself into a question of word against word.

However, certain inferences which it is permissible to draw from the conduct of a woman to the advances of a man, more especially when he happens to be a comparative stranger, and I feel constrained to say that Plaintiff, in asking me to believe that a woman would allow a strange man to sleep with her for many nights on end without permitting intimacy on a quid pro quo basis, has credited me with a lack of intelligence and knowledge of the world which I can assure her is not justified.

Judged Demeanour

I have had ample opportunity to judge her demeanour and that of her witness in Court, and, as a result, I have no hesitation in saying that I do not believe either of them on the main question involved, namely, whether a promise to marry within a reasonable time was ever made.

The case, if I may say so, is a sordid one which does little or no credit to either party, and I think the real truth of the matter is that whatever Defendant might have said to Plaintiff during the period of their so-called friendship, it was for the sole purpose of entering into an illicit relationship with the woman, for which, incidentally, she appears to have been amply rewarded.

For these reasons I hold that Plaintiff has failed to make out her claim and judgment with costs will be entered for Defendant.

BRITISH WAR LOSSES

—Official—

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).

Authentic figures of British casualties on the Western Front and in Norway were given to-day by a Government spokesman in the House of Commons.

The total troops sent to France up to June, 1940, were 497,000. Altogether 384,000 were brought away and 40,000 were left as prisoners of war.

The corresponding figures for Norway were 23,800 sent; 22,600 brought away; and 950 left as prisoners of war.

BRITAIN'S NEEDS

NEW YORK, May 15 (Reuter).—Mr James V. Forrestal, the United States Under-Secretary for the Navy, has given President Roosevelt a list of Britain's most urgent requirements in war materials, declares the Washington correspondent of the "New York Times."

Mr Forrestal was recently in London. It is understood that he told President Roosevelt that Britain, particularly needed heavy bombers, heavier tanks and ships.

MALTA RAID DAMAGE

MALTA, May 15 (Reuter).—Considerable damage to civilian property was caused and some people were killed in Wednesday night's raid which was carried out by a smaller formation of enemy planes than usual.

Bombs were dropped. No naval or R.A.F. property was damaged and there were no service casualties, states an official communiqué.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday is:

Buyers	
H.K. Banks	\$1,300
Bank of East Asia	\$70
H.K. Fire Ins. X.D.	\$170
Indo-China (Pref)	\$80
Providents	\$25
Hotels	\$2.85
Land	\$31.10
Realities	\$2.70
Electricity Rts	\$11.25
Macao Electric	\$10.15
Ropes	\$6.40
Entertainments	\$6.25
Sellers	
Providents	\$5.15
Trams	\$16.10
Sales	
Docks	\$15
Providents	\$5
Realities	\$2.70
Trams	\$15.00
Lights "O"	\$6.70
Electricity "O" X. Rts	\$22.25
Electricity Rts	\$11.25
Macao Electric	\$10.15/10.50/10.74
Ropes	\$6.50
Watsons	\$9.50

Property Under Nanking Control

SHANGHAI, May 15 (Reuter).—The Purple Hill Meteorological Observatory, among other places of property in Nanking which were hitherto under the control of the Japanese authorities, has been formally handed over to Nanking, the Shanghai "Maihchi" reported to-day.

The paper adds that other properties will be handed over shortly.

Another Strike

DETROIT, May 15 (UP).—The General Motors Corporation to-day announced that a strike has closed its Grey-Town Foundry, at St. John, Michigan, which was employing 4,000 men.

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SECOND EAGLE SQUADRON

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, May 15 (UP).—It is believed that a second United States Eagle Squadron of the R.A.F. is now being organized. The first squadron is now full-strength, six months after its formation.

GIRL'S TERRIBLE INJURIES

Chen Ying-luen, 18, spinster, of 678 Shanghai Street, is thought to have leaped from the roof of a tenement house in Ping Street, Kowloon City, yesterday about 5.30 p.m. She suffered multiple injuries to the head and body and was removed to Kowloon Hospital in a serious condition.

Prisoners Of War Lose Free Smokes

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—Information having been received that the German Government have decided to stop supplying prisoners of war with free cigarettes.

Information has been received that the British War Office has decided to stop supplying prisoners of war with free cigarettes.



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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

Good Dividends For Punters Last Saturday

Baffin Bay's Challenge To Australian Diamond Blocked On Straight

AT THE RELEASE of the tape Australian Diamond (H. S. Chang) forged ahead, and the "precious stone" was never headed again to win the main event, Bear River Paddocks Handicap, beating Baffin Bay (L. B. Chao) by a length and a half in a record time of two minutes 39.3/5 seconds for 1 1/2 miles.

Field Glasses Needed By The Army

FURTHER to the recent appeal for Field Glasses for use by the Army in Hongkong, the Hongkong Jockey Club has circulated their members with a reminder of that appeal.

Members willing to assist may forward their glasses to the Secretary, Exchange Building, or they may deposit them at the Secretary's office on any race day.

The glasses loaned will be retained in the Colony and will be subsequently returned, except in cases where members state that the glasses are given outright.

Half-Yearly Meeting

The half-yearly General Meeting of voting members of the Jockey Club will be held at the Clubhouse, Happy Valley on Thursday, May 29, at 5.30 p.m.

Unrecorded Record For Blue Field

GALVESTON BAY (V. V. Needa) should have won the West River Handicap (second section) over a course from the two mile post, once round and in, but the jockey was late with his usual spectacular finish and the pony lost the first prize stake money to Blue Field by half length.

The latter's time over the distance was clocked in two minutes 39.3/5 seconds, cutting Sam's Choice's figure by three-fifths of a second and it must, therefore, be a record. This was not, however, chalked on the blackboard.

Three-figure Dividend For Opening Event

LAST SATURDAY'S racing opened with a high explosive bomb in the inaugural event, Carpentaria Handicap, for "E" class Australian ponies, when Harmony Star with the owner (S. W. Lee)

With a scorching summer afternoon, which was enough to bake anything, the grass track was very firm and fast. The third of the hoofs could not only be heard at a good distance, but dust was raised as the runners came down the straight.

It was told by the punters in the public enclosure that all the finishes were practically screened by the dust.

Baffin Bay Blocked

HOWEVER, I followed the race very closely with my glasses and I observed two important things. In the first place the jockey rode a smart and well-timed race on Australian Diamond, but I cannot help saying that Mr Chang owed his success to the fact that Baffin Bay was badly "sandwiched" in the home stretch.

After passing the 1 1/4 mile post Australian Diamond was still in the lead, followed by Baffin Bay with Endeavour on his near side, and there were also Man-o-War and Viceroy.

Then came the vital point.

At the entrance of the straight Baffin Bay was in trouble on the rails running behind. The jockey attempted to come through, but he could not make any headway owing to the fact that Endeavour was still going strong.

As luck would have it, it was not until after passing the distance that Endeavour began to flag, but what was the use of the opening in the last hundred yards from the touch line. The combination tried very hard, but Australian Diamond crossed the wire first with a margin of one and a half lengths.

A Protest

IT was learned after the race that Viceroy was interfered with at the sharp bend and a protest was lodged against the pilot on Man-o-War for bumping. An enquiry was held, but the Stewards accepted Mr Tao's explanation.

However, it was Australian Diamond's first classic outing over a long journey, and the mare by Philenis took 2.39.3/5 to cover the distance.

Not only did the chestnut establish a new track figure for 1 1/2 miles, but her time was two one-fifth seconds faster than the old record of 2.41.4/5 held by Far View carrying 155 lb.

in the saddle crossed the line first and paid \$103.90 to the delight of 145 staunch supporters.

It was a struggle down the straight, but Mr Lee showed his superiority of pushing in the last fifty yards, and he secured the verdict by a short head.

I also noticed that Mr Lee rode his race from the back and should he continue to adopt this principle, he would very soon emerge from his novice class.

Afternoon Of Incidents: Record Sale For Pari-mutuel: Record Breaking Run By Australian Diamond

RACING AT HAPPY VALLEY last Saturday was of very high standard and so were the two big "pay outs" of over \$100 coupled with a daily double return of \$440.60 for the combination of Amber II/Dashing Beauty.

The classic event, Bear River Paddocks Handicap, over the Derby course was won by Australian Diamond ably ridden by Mr H. S. Chang in a record time of two minutes 39.3/5 seconds for one and a half miles, lowering United Express' figure by nine two-fifths seconds.

The sad disappointment of Viceroy in the big handicap contest, the crashing of a few hot favourites, a new record sale of tickets for win in the pari-mutuel department, and a protest lodged against Mr B. L. Tao's riding, bracketed with two minor accidents, were the other features of the meeting.

The arrival of Their Excellencies Sir Geoffrey Northcote and Commander Gabriel Maurice Teixeira de Sousa was greeted with a few bars of God Save The King and the Portuguese National Anthem. It was learned on good authority that the Macao Governor was very much impressed with Hongkong's racing, and His Excellency followed every contest with keen interest.

Enclosures Packed

IT was undoubtedly a huge success from every point of view and the terraces in both enclosures were closely packed to its full capacity. The Chinese followers of the turf did not forget to bring their "fans," and I am afraid that the use of these winning-machines was in certain measure responsible for the "non-appearance" of hot favourites.

About a year ago elaborate alterations were carried out in the Members' Parl-Mutuel Hall to avoid the necessity of rubbing shoulders, but somehow or other it has not relieved the congestion. There have lately been a few complaints as to the difficulty of approaching the betting counters on account of the last minute rush.

It may be of interest to know that extensive alterations will be carried out immediately after the Whit Sun Meeting. I have not seen the plans, but it is learned that the terrace in the Members' enclosure will be demolished and a new one erected with plenty of space below to accommodate the betting counters.

This will naturally provide plenty of room in the middle of the hall and punters will not have to fight their way to get a ticket.

Newmarket Racing

Favourite Wins Payne Stakes

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—The 11/8 favourite, Winter Halter, ridden by Harry Wragg, won the Payne Stakes at Newmarket to-day. Hippius (6/1) and Planchado (5/2) were second and third.

Winter Halter won by three-quarters of a length, a neck separating second from third. Five ran.

Major Baseball

White Sox Overwhelm N.Y. Yankees

NEW YORK, May 15 (UP).—Chicago White Sox inflicted overwhelming defeat on New York Yankees to-day winning by 13-1. In the National League, New York Giants nosed out Chicago Cubs 2-1.

Scores were:

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
	R	H	E	
Chicago	13	14	0	
Batteries: E. Smith, Treash.				
Batteries: Bonham, Stancou, Branch, Rosar.				
Detroit	10	18	1	
Batteries: Newhouse, Tebbetts.				
Philadelphia	2	7	0	
Batteries: Marchildon, C. Harris, Hayes.				
St. Louis	7	9	3	
Batteries: Galloway, Grube.				
Washington	0	1	1	
Batteries: Chase, Masterson, Anderson, Zuber, Early.				
Cleveland	6	11	0	
Batteries: Milner, Heving, Feller, Desautels, Hensley.				
Boston	4	6	3	
Batteries: Johnson, Fleming, Ruba, Pytlak.				

NATIONAL LEAGUE

New York	2	8	1
Batteries: Schumacher, Danning.			
Chicago	1	8	0
Batteries: B. B. McCall, B. B. McCall.			
Brooklyn	1	1	1
Batteries: B. B. McCall, B. B. McCall.			

WORLD RECORD BILLIARDS BREAK BY WALTER LINDRUM

MELBOURNE, May 15 (Reuter).—Walter Lindrum broke his own world billiards record to-day, compiling a break of 3,735 against his brother Fred. The previous record was 3,301, also made against Fred Lindrum in July.

During 10 months of exhibition play Lindrum has raised £18,000 for war funds.

Billy Conn Becomes Heavyweight "White Hope" Colourful Boxing Career

IT WILL BE a great night for Irish-Americans when Billy Conn meets Joe Louis for the heavyweight boxing championship of the world. The fight is scheduled to take place in June but matchmaking in America is such a complex and tricky business that the date may be shifted backwards or forwards a month or more.

The fixture is also dependent on the Brown Bomber's ability to dispose of one or two other challengers, but no serious difficulty is anticipated here and the promoters are banking on the Louis-Conn match to provide boxing's battle of the year.

The event will be staged in an outdoor stadium to give the "gate" a fair chance of reaching the million-dollar mark.

The experts concede Conn no more than a slim chance of winning. They admit his cleverness and speed but consider that his punching is not heavy enough to take the Bomber. Their judgment is also influenced by the old boxing maxim that "a good big 'un' will always beat a good little 'un'."

Billy Conn is really a light-heavyweight whose best fighting weight is around 175 lbs. For the Louis match he may put on an extra ten pounds with the idea of increasing the devil of his punches, but the Bomber will weigh in at slightly more than 200 lbs. and a clear store is a lot to give away to a man who has been undefeated world's champion for four years.

Curious Camp

William David Conn was born among the chimneys of East Liberty, a country suburb of Pittsburgh—one of the smokiest towns in America—on October 8, 1917. That makes him 23 years of age, which gives him a four-year advantage over Louis.

His father emigrated to the United States from County Down. Normally he is a plumber by trade but since his son is to take the forgotten his tools and has taken over the job of corner-man, adviser, second trainer, and general booster. He is an indispensable member of the Conn-clave, the curious group which has argued and wrangled its way from obscurity to fame.

After Billy Conn himself, the next most important member of the Conn-clave is Johnny Ray, his manager, an old-time box-fighter who "discovered" the youngster in a Pittsburgh gymnasium.

The story of their meeting is far from conventional. Billy Conn was by no means the earnest and persevering novice whose inherent skill at last caught the eye of a big noise in the boxing world. Johnny Ray was far from being a big noise in those days.

As a youngster, Billy Conn was just one of the ordinary tough kids that are produced by the thousand in America's big cities. He could fight (with bare fists) well enough to lick any other kid of his own age in the neighbourhood and this superiority had made him the leader of a group of youngsters whose chief function was to laugh at his wisecracks.

Went To Jeer

When the attractions of the local poolroom palled, the Conn gang used to go upstairs, where there was a gymnasium for fighters. They didn't go to admire the noble sport or its exhibitors but mainly to jeer at the losers.

Johnny Ray, red of hair and fiery of temper, finally allowed the Conn gang to get his goat. He buttoned the leader and a mixture of jealousy and taunts induced him to put on the gloves with him.

Both were surprised: Billy Conn because the old has-been was so elusive and difficult to hit. Johnny Ray because the youngster was undoubtedly fast and clever.

After that first try-out, Conn and Ray went into a partnership that has never since been broken. For two years the youngster worked daily in the ramshackle gymnasium, taking many beating from veterans at whom he had previously jeered. Eventually he acquired the science necessary to supplement his natural skill.

By this time the partnership was flat broke and Ray sold a half-interest in his protegee to a man named Jaffee, who thus became the third member of the Conn-clave.

Fully equipped with boxing skill, fighting ability, high courage, and financial backing, Billy Conn went to town and scored victories over Babe Risko, Vince Dundee, Teddy Yarosz, Oscar Rankins, Young Corbett III, and various others of lesser note.

He met his first check at the hands of Solly Krieger, a Brooklyn fighter, but reversed the decision in a return match. At this period he was still a middleweight, and his successes had given him the right to challenge for the title in this class.

He was matched against the champion, Freddie Apostoli, and the wop took a severe beating.

A month later, Conn repeated the victory and then gave Solly Krieger the third match he had been clamouring for. He won easily and having disposed of all the middleweights in sight, he decided to let himself grow naturally for a few months and fight thereafter as a light-heavyweight.

By a piece of extraordinary luck his first match in this class was a title fight against Mello Bettina, the champion. He won comfortably and set up a new record by winning the title during his first fight at 175 lbs. Bettina was not satisfied, so Conn gave him a return match three months later and decisively established his right to the title.

During 1940, which proved to be a dizzy year for boxing champions—fewer than five losing their crowns—Billy Conn retained his against all comers and took on several heavyweights in order to test the strength of the opposition in that class.

He defeated Lee Savold, Al McCoy, Bob Pastor, and Henry Cooper. These wins, though not impressive, put him on the trail of Joe Louis and he has now relinquished his light-heavyweight title as a preliminary to becoming a permanent heavyweight.

He is booked for no more fights until the Louis clash is over but he will probably go to Hollywood to make a picture or so by way of taking a holiday.

Incidentally Conn with his curly hair, regular features, and blue eyes, is handsome enough to become a film star, yet his chief objective, that is, probably his last objective,

Eve of Folly's Unexpected Success

SIR VICTOR SASSOON'S Eve of Folly scored an unexpected success in the West River Handicap (first section) over a course from the two mile post, once round and in, and the jockey Mr Wood rode a clever race on the winner. The pony paid \$53.20 for a win.

Hopeful Star ran a good second and the grey should be watched in his next outing.

There was a keen tussle between Expansion Time (Black) and King Kong (Wol) for the lower position in the frame, but the two judges could not separate them, and a decision of dead heat was accepted without moans.

A Great Loss To Racing

Late Mr Eu Tong-sen's Career At Happy Valley

THE NEWS of Mr Eu Tong-sen's death deeply shocked the racing circles at Happy Valley. The passing of one of the main pillars of Hongkong's racing came as a big surprise, because a few of his string had taken part in last Saturday's meet.

The death of the Singapore millionaire is not only an irreparable loss to the Hongkong Jockey Club, but it leaves a gap almost impossible to bridge.

The late Mr Eu was one of those very few owners who could always take a beating with a smile. It is not possible to say at this juncture whether the famous crimson and yellow cap will ever be seen again on the programme.

First Venture

THE late Mr Eu entered the arena in 1935 with a string of seven animals and they were Diogenes, Plato, Rose-Ann, Rose-Queen, Rousseau, Socrates and Voltaire.

Like all other rich owners, his first ambition was "a go" at the Blue Riband and he raised the exclusive classic with his Rose-Queen by half length, ridden by Mr V. V. Needa.

The mare atoned for her failure by winning the St George's Plate and in the following year Rose-Queen captured the Chater Cup with Mr Encarnacao in the saddle.

Space does not permit a list of all his successes, but in 1936 the late Mr Eu drew the best China pony subscription griffin, and Rose Evelyn with the Shanghai crack rider up gained an aggregate of \$5,480 with the inclusion of the Subscription Griffins' Challenge Cup, the Professional Cup, and the Subscription Griffins St Leger. In the following seasons the mare won the Garrison Cup, the Royal Navy Cup and many other handicap events.

Though Desert Chief ran second to Silkylight in the 1938 Hongkong Derby, his Cameronian captured the Lusitano Cup, the American Cup and the St. George's Plate. Smiling Thru, a sub-griffin, annexed the Governor's Cup in the same year.

Best Season

THE best racing season to the millionaire was in 1939 when Rose Elect won the triple crown, the Maiden Stakes, the Hongkong Derby and the Champion Stakes. It was his first and only Blue Riband and Champion successes.

The two important classics, which the late Mr Eu failed to win, were

MONEY FLOWS FAST OVER BETTING COUNTER

AS PREDICTED, the best field was seen in the Walled Handicap (second section) and there were 15 "C" class Australian ponies saddled for the mile run.

There was an extraordinary flow of money on this event and the public plunged an aggregate sum of \$51,795 (equivalent to 10,359 chances) on the 15 runners, which was a record sale for win.

The hot favourites were Anzac Day with 2,243 tickets, Cocklerol (1,511), Maple Star (1,268) and Twinkling Star (2,201), but Bendigo turned up to the disgust of punters. The chestnut paid \$75.80 to those 603 clever mathematicians who must have had a nice day.

Dismal Meeting

RACING has always many thrills, but the most hectic one at the 1940 Annual Carnival was the break on the wheel, which neither Mr Charlie Encarnacao nor Mr "Billy" Poy could release, and the result was that the late Mr Eu went through the annual meeting without scoring a win.

One would hardly believe that out of 21 Australian and China ponies nominated for various events, Potentate ran a dead-heat with Expansion Time for a second place, while Rose Evelyn had a couple of placings. That was all for a long string and the stable earned a paltry sum of \$750.

The three Australian griffins ended the season with an aggregate of \$6,500 contributed by Fleerwing (\$4,200), Gloaming (\$1,750) and Gay Fow (\$550).

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Diplomatic Pressure On Turkey

Von Papen's Mission

ANKARA, May 15 (Reuter).—It is generally believed that Herr von Papen, the German envoy, in addition to delivering Hitler's "friendly message" when he saw the President, particularly stressed German friendliness towards Turkey—the line which it is understood he took at the Foreign Office the previous day.

It is stated that Papen placed no demands and asked nothing of Turkey but stressed the friendly relations between the two countries since they were allies in the last war, and he undoubtedly told the Turks that Germany was willing to trade on a larger scale.

False Security

In accordance with normal diplomatic procedure it is expected that the Turkish President will instruct the Turkish Ambassador to thank Hitler for his message but even Papen must realize that the Turks cannot be lulled into a sense of false security with honeyed words and that they are continuing to take all necessary measures to safeguard their independence including the weeding out of any likely fifth columnists.

Inuena's Conversations

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—The Turkish President, General Inuena, gave an interview to the Iraqi Minister of War and the Iraqi Minister at Ankara on Thursday, states the Ankara radio.

In the afternoon the President had received the German Minister and the Greek Ambassador at the Presidential palace.

ISOLATIONISTS DEFEATED

WASHINGTON, May 15 (Reuter).—The Senate to-day defeated an isolationist effort to veto the transfer of shipping from one belligerent to another despite arguments that such transfer would be "needless provocative acts of war."

It will be recalled that the House of Representatives defeated a similar amendment on May 7.



Mr Nelson T. Johnson, retiring United States Ambassador to China, photographed yesterday outside the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building after receiving press representatives at the American Consulate. Mr Johnson will meet his successor, Mr Clarence E. Gauss, in Hongkong before leaving for the United States. (Photo: New China Newsphoto).

Middle East Aerial Activity, Summary

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—A British Middle East communique issued to-day states:

"Cirenaica.—On the night of May 12-13, bombers over Benghazi registered direct hits on the railway, the military headquarters, government buildings and the base of the Cathedral mole. Fires were started but detailed observation was difficult. Numerous reconnaissance patrols were carried out yesterday.

Dodecanese

"Dodecanese.—On the previous night, aerodromes at Maritza and Calato were bombed. Fires were started and there were hits near dispersed aircraft.

Iraq

"Iraq.—There have been continuous aerial attacks on rebel positions and objectives such as aerodromes, railways and motor transport. Amara, Rashid, Mosul and the railway at Baghdad were all raided.

Abyssinia

"Abyssinia.—Direct hits were obtained on Fort Mendi in Central Abyssinia, and machine gun posts and troops were attacked at Selassieumanna and Giabbassire by

Malta

"Malta.—Enemy aircraft raided Malta on the night of May 13-14, causing slight damage to R.A.F. property, but no casualties, civilian or military. There was another small raid yesterday. British fighters intercepted and drove off these planes.

"From all these operations, two aircraft were lost but the pilot of one of them escaped safely by parachute."

Export Bill Passed

WASHINGTON, May 15 (UP).—The Senate to-day unanimously passed the Philippine export control bill which now goes to the House.

ENEMY CONVOY SET ABLAZE

British Bombing Attack

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—British bombers this afternoon attacked an escorted convoy off the Frisian Islands, bombing three supply ships of 2,000, 4,000 and 5,000 tons respectively. These were left burning.

Shortly afterwards, enemy fighters attacked the bombers. One of these fighters was shot down and one British aircraft is missing, says the Air Ministry. Aircraft of the Fighter Command to-day carried out several sweeps over the Channel and Northern France in the course of which several enemy aircraft were machine-gunned on the ground and one was shot down.

Ships were also machine-gunned from a low level. On these operations, one British plane was lost.

Nazi Raider Downed

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—There has been some activity by enemy aircraft in the coastal areas to-day, says the Air Ministry.

Bombs were dropped at several points, but little damage and no casualties were reported. One enemy bomber was shot down by our fighters over this country to-day.

It is now known that an enemy aircraft was destroyed off the south coast last night.

Fighters' Success

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—It is learned in London that two enemy aircraft were shot down by British fighters to-day.

It is now known that one enemy aircraft was destroyed off the coast last night.

Destroyer Hit

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—CAIRO, May 15 (UP).—A communique issued by the R.A.F. on Wednesday stated that the fleet air arm made an attack on an enemy convoy which was southbound on the Mediterranean on the night of May 12, and hit an 8,000 ton merchant ship and a destroyer. "The merchant ship blew up and the destroyer was last seen with clouds of smoke pouring from it; pilots confirm that it was not a smoke screen," the communique concluded.

London Quiet

LONDON, May 15 (Reuter).—London last night was quiet without an alert, and up to early Thursday no reports were made of raids in any other parts of the country. Presumably the bad weather conditions on the Continent have restricted German air activity to small excursions around the British shores.

A few planes are believed to have crossed the coast at one or two points, but no bombs were dropped.

Inspiring Words To Indians

Patiala Company

PATIALA, May 15 (Reuter).—"I expect each one of you to uphold the glorious traditions bequeathed to us and to lay down your lives, if need be, in defence of the British Empire which is at present fighting for the preservation of human liberty and civilisation."

With these words, the Maharajah of Patiala bade farewell to the officers and men of the Motor Transport Company raised in the state of Patiala on the eve of their departure for active service with the British forces.

The Maharajah added that to all brave people the call to duty such as the present one should prove a source of inspiration and jubilation, and he hoped that his soldiers would at least live up to it and improve upon the high standard of loyalty and sacrifice set up by their ancestors. He assured the men that his Government would take every possible care of their families in their absence.

Fell 35 Feet From Ship

American To Be X-Rayed

Mr Herman Laiger, the American who was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital last night following an accident at the Kowloon Wharf, was this morning reported to be "not doing too well." It is understood that he will be X-rayed this morning.

Mr Laiger was reported to have fallen from a height of 35-ft and struck his head on the railway lines on the wharf. He was taken to the Hospital shortly after midnight. He fell from the President Tyler.

Battleship Commissioned

PHILADELPHIA, May 15 (UP).—The 35,000 ton battleship Westington which cost \$80,000,000 to build was formally commissioned here to-day. She carries nine 16-inch guns, has a speed of 30 knots and a cruising range of 5,000 miles.

Wants To Aid Eire

WASHINGTON, May 15 (UP).—A bill was introduced in the Senate to-day requesting President Roosevelt to allow Eire to borrow or lease armaments under the terms of the Lend and Lease Bill, and to employ "every means to insure delivery thereof."

Fighting At Poklo: 70 Miles From Colony

SHIUKWAN, May 14 (Central News).—Fighting is unabated on the outskirts of Poklo, East River town 11 miles northwest of Waichow. Under heavy Chinese pressure the Japanese in occupation of Szetsinshih, Malowshan and Kongauling in the Tsungfa sector retreated to Shengkong, eight miles south of Tsungfa.

The Japanese at Chongshan, southeast of Fahsien, were routed by the Chinese, suffering heavy casualties. The Chinese re-entered Chongshan yesterday afternoon.

Han River Struggle

CHUNGKING, May 14 (Central News).—After about a fortnight's fighting, the Japanese offensives on the east and west banks of the Han River in Hupoh have been shattered, according to military advisers. The Chinese have recovered their original positions except at Huanamchen on the northeastern slope of the Tachung Mountain Range where the Japanese are still in occupation.

On the east bank the Chinese recaptured Changshoulien and Fengloho, points north of Chungking, and are pressing on to Yangtzechow, 40 miles north of Chungking. On the west bank they wrested back Liu-houai, Anchiatsi and Lichiatang, while the Japanese pushing northward from Yangtzechow, about 30 miles northeast of Ichang, in Yunnan, 18 miles northwest of Yangtzechow, were driven back.

Smashing through Yenchiangshiao, about 30 miles north of Kingmen, a Chinese unit in pursuit of the Japanese has reached the suburbs of Kingmen, where it is making a fierce assault.

Drive Down Railway

The Chinese are fighting hard against the Japanese drive south from Chuki on the Chekiang-Kiangsi Railway, 30 miles south of Shaoshan. The column is meeting staunch Chinese resistance at Cheng-chinawu while the column to the west of the railway is being engaged at Fitchang.

Japanese Casualties

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—CHUNGKING, May 15 (UP).—All Japanese units have been driven back from the Yingshen, Sulhsien, Chungshiang, Tangtzechien, Kinchen, Tangyang, Kingmen and other Hupoh sectors after ten days of abortive drives in which the Japanese suffered more than 10,000 casualties. Japanese remnants are being rounded up in the Tachung mountain areas in central Hupoh. Several villages are going on in west Yunnan and south Szechwan.

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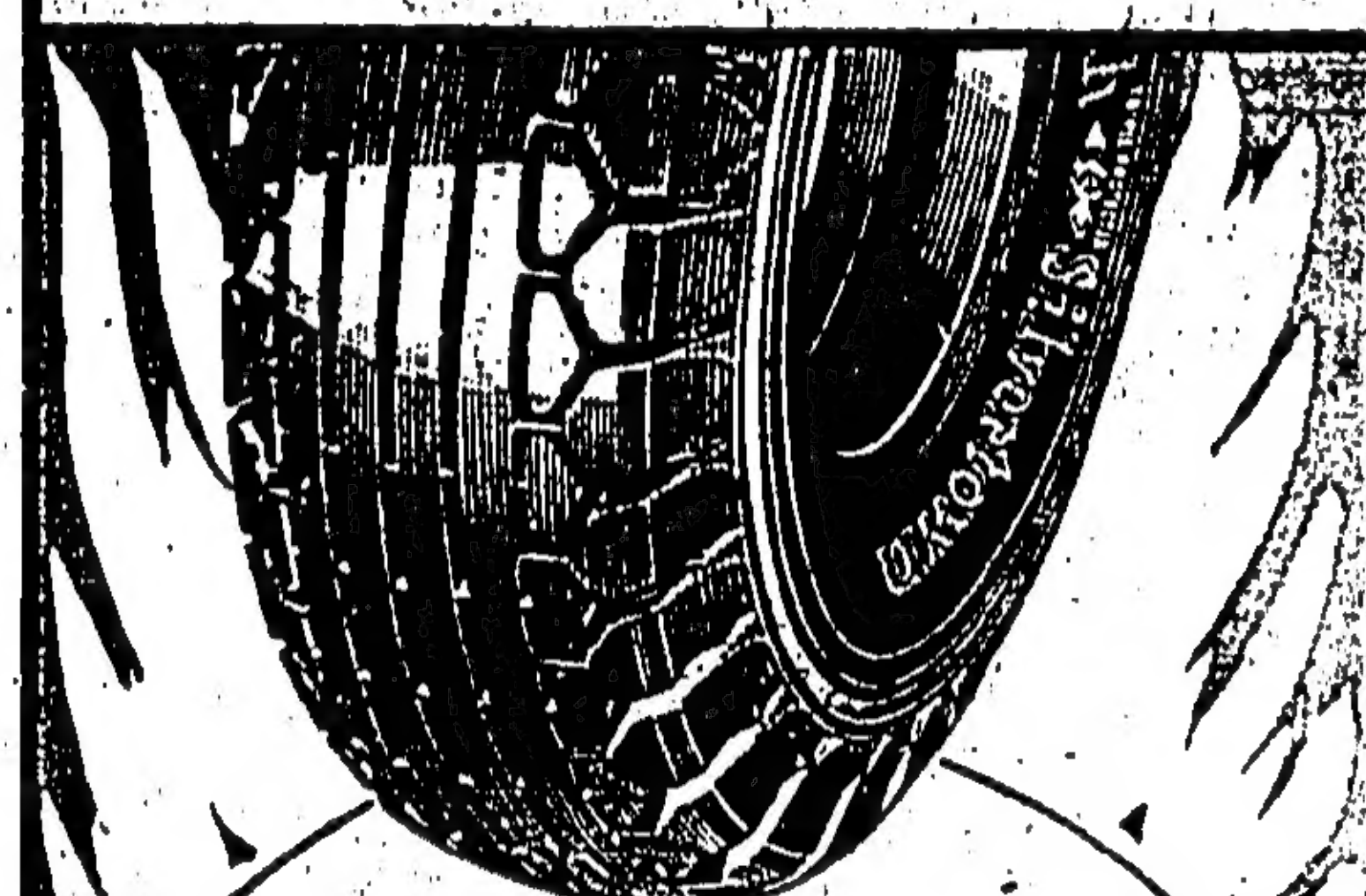


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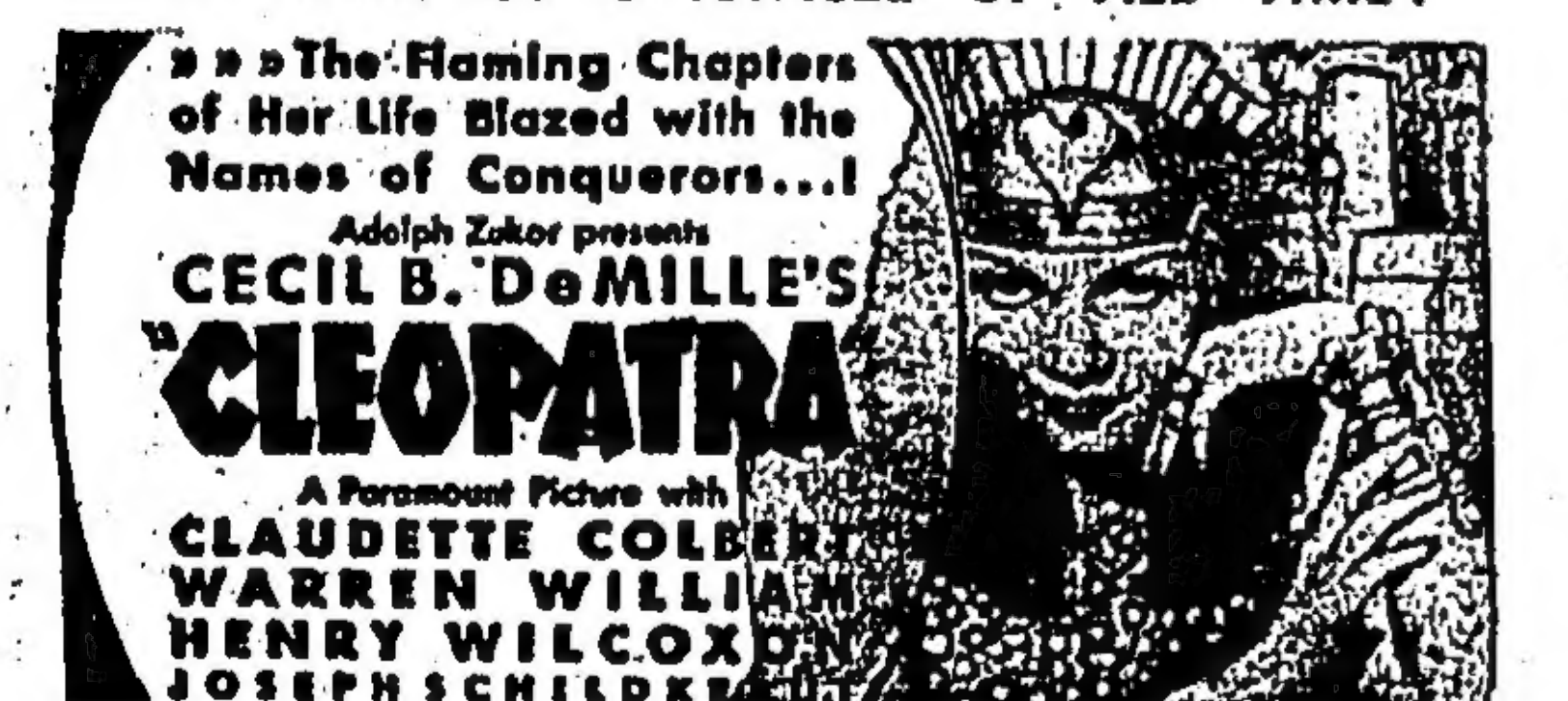
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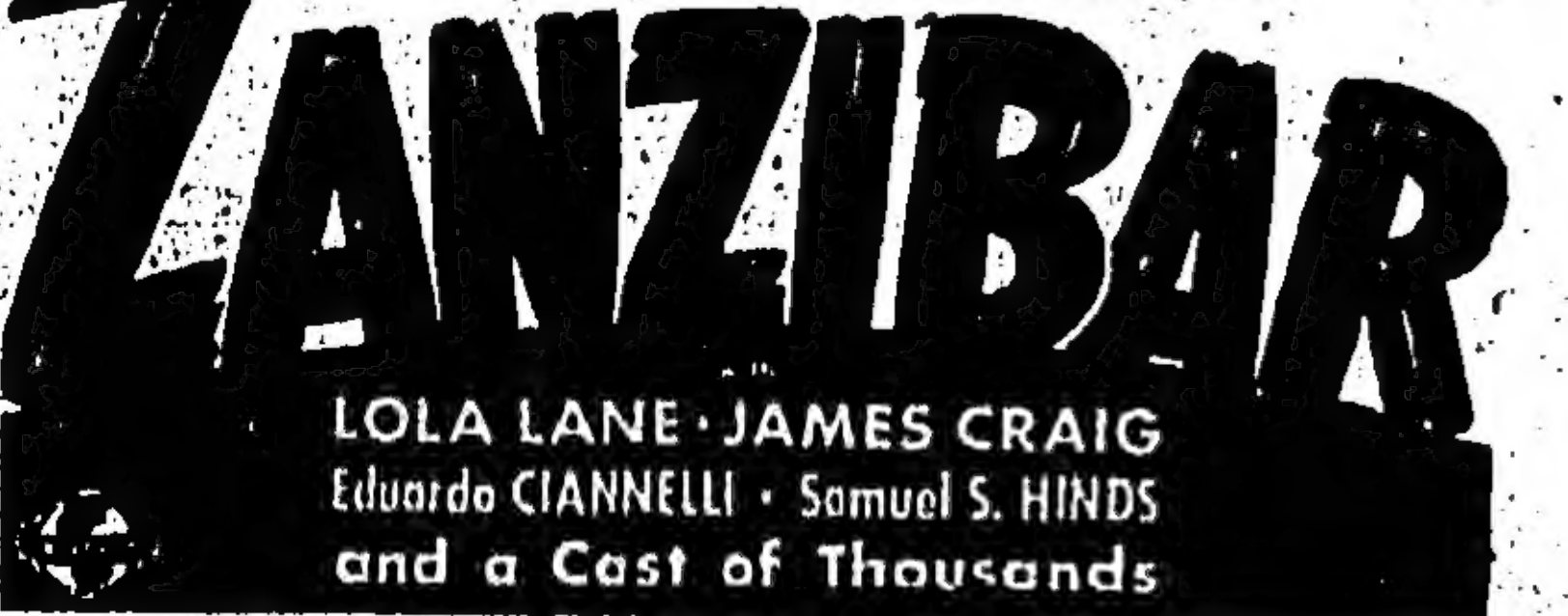
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Normandie To Be Requisitioned

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regular operations between the west coast and Hongkong and Manila.

Measure Welcomed
WASHINGTON, May 15 (UP).—Officials to-day hailed the passage of the Ship Requisitioning Bill as a great step forward, smashing one of the major "bottlenecks" in transportation and industry, which heretofore had impeded the supply of United States arms to Britain and other democracies.

The bill has now passed both Houses of Congress and its formal enactment is certain. The bill will permit the United States to obtain the services of approximately 100 foreign seagoing vessels which are at present in United States ports, many of which are under protective custody. The vessels will be used as the President sees fit either for the United States' own service or for disposition to some other Government.

Simultaneously, the Maritime Commission disclosed that its regular ship construction involving 500 vessels has been accelerated so that the 12th ship will be launched before the end of May. The United States is also engaged in the construction of 200 other vessels in the first emergency programme on a mass production basis, with the first keels already laid, and 212 ships in the second emergency programme which will be in operation before the end of the year.

Armed Guards Aboard
WASHINGTON, May 15 (UP).—The Treasury Department to-day ordered the coastguard to put armed guards aboard ten French ships which are immobilised in United States ports, including the luxury liner Normandie.

To Prevent Sabotage

WASHINGTON, May 15 (UP).—Coast guard officials to-day stated that the harbours at Norfolk, New Orleans and San Francisco are being patrolled by private craft of the coastguard reserve to prevent sabotage, and to enforce the maritime laws. The guard plans to put private patrols on duty at all major ports and important rivers in order to relieve the coast guard forces for emergency work.

LATE NEWS

Anglo-Thai Goodwill
BANGKOK, May 16 (Reuter).—The leader and members of the recent Thai special goodwill mission to Burma, India, the Straits Settlements and Australia were described by the British Minister Sir Josiah Crosby as ambassadors of peace and goodwill who had cemented the traditional friendship between the British Empire and Thailand.

A garden party was held at the British Legation when Sir Josiah presented in the name of the King, the insignia of the Grand Cross of the British Empire to Captain Luang Dhamrong Naraswat, Minister of Justice, leader of the mission; the insignia of Knight Commander of the order to Colonel Luang Sinat Vorharat; and the insignia of Commander of the Order to Commander Singob Charunphon, Mom Luang Phipphai Malakul and Mom Luang Manit Chumsai.

There were over 200 guests present including members of the Thai Cabinet, prominent Thai officials, non-officials and members of the British community.

Britain To Raid Nazi Bases In Syria
any reliance in the Vichy Government, Mr. Eden said: "As regards these particular circumstances, I have made it plain that appropriate action is being taken."

Vichy Knows Our Views
The Liberal National member, Sir Henry Morris-Jones, asked whether warning was given to the Vichy Government.
Mr. Eden stated: "The Vichy Government were fully aware of our attitude in the matter. Indeed, their own undertaking is sufficient indication of their obligations."

British Raids Report
LONDON, May 15 (UP).—Authoritative quarters are so far without knowledge of the Vichy report that British aircraft have attacked the Syrian aerodromes, and point out that nothing is likely to be known pending the arrival of a communiqué from the R.A.F. or General Headquarters in the Middle East.

"United Press" Gives New Theory
held as a prisoner of war. There is no sign that he may later be treated as a refugee like Raushning" who was given hospitality here.

Some British newspapers reported this morning that Hess told farmers in Scotland that he had information for the British which would help them to overthrow the Nazi tyranny in Germany.

British officials who have been scrupulously exact in what they said regarding Hess, did not sponsor that report, nor have they assumed any responsibility for it. The "United Press" was not able to get any confirmation from any responsible sources in Scotland.

Hermann Raushning, was formerly President of the Danzig Senate. He disagreed with the Nazis' views, quarrelled with Hitler, and left the country. He summed up his views in an anti-Nazi book "The Revolution of Nihilism."

Kirkpatrick Returns
LONDON, May 16 (UP).—The Duke of Hamilton, and Mr Kirkpatrick of the Foreign Office, returned to London on Thursday night to keep an appointment with Mr Churchill.

Smashing Blows At Enemy In Egypt

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activities in both the Tobruk and Sollum areas.
"Abyssinia: On May 12, South African troops, with patriots acting in co-operation, captured two further important positions covering Amba Alagi. During the day, 431 prisoners were taken."

"As a result of an engagement in the area south of Addis Ababa on May 13, nine light tanks were captured."

"Iraq: Following urgent appeals by Raschid Ali to his Axis partners, a certain number of German aircraft have now arrived in the country bringing propagandist, aviators and other similar Axis specialists. The situations at both Basra and Habbaniyah areas remain unchanged."

Italian Claims
ROME, May 15 (UP).—A dispatch from the "Corriere del Sera" War Correspondent, dated May 15, for the Tobruk front, declares that Italian and German troops have penetrated the Tobruk fortifications to a depth of five kilometers, occupying the most important forts. He adds that mechanised units in Egypt are steadily increasing the activity in the Sollum area and will soon attempt a decisive thrust to the eastward, towards Marsmatruh.

British Retain Offensive
CAIRO, May 15 (Reuter).—British troops retain the offensive in the Tobruk and Sollum areas, it is stated in authoritative circles this evening.

In Abyssinia, the Amba Alagi ring is closing and a military spokesman said that the Italians are steadily losing a daily toll of positions and prisoners.

The Italians have been putting up a gallant show during the last nine or ten days, but appear to be in a most awkward position.

Rain is beginning to fall but the permanent rains have not yet begun.

Vichy's Decision Stuns U.S.

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babies and small children abandoned or lost during the great retreat from Paris last June to give them back to their parents.

Several thousands of them are still missing. Some may have been killed by German bombing when the roads were clogged with refugees, but the remainder are believed to have been taken by families who now hesitate to give them up.

Mr Duff Cooper, Minister of Information, after which it is presumed that they went to No. 10 Downing Street. Mr Kirkpatrick carried a double locked dispatch case.

The pair flew to London in a two-seater R.A.F. fighter plane and arrived at 8.30 p.m. It was reported that the Duke of Hamilton's car on several occasions was seen parked outside the Hess hospital.

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